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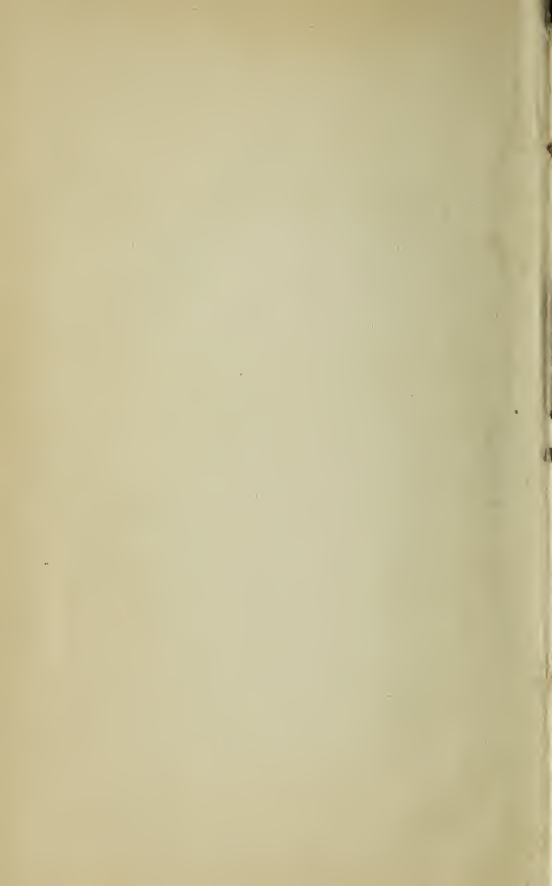
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THE

# BOOK OF WORSHIP.

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LUTHERAN GENERAL SYNOD IN  
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Oh come, let us worship: worship the Lord in the  
beauty of holiness.

If any man be a worshipper of God and doeth His  
will, him He heareth.

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# PREFACE.

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IN THE NAME OF THE

Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost.

THE different Committees appointed to prepare a Book of Worship for the Churches, in connection with the GENERAL SYNOD OF THE EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH OF NORTH AMERICA, have endeavored faithfully, and according to the best of their ability, to discharge the duties imposed upon them. The work is, as the title says, a "Book of Worship," to be used in public and private devotions; to be a guide both to the ministry and the laity, that all things may be done decently and in order, and that all may be worshippers, not merely in name, but also in truth. Divine worship cannot be performed by proxy; all should participate, all should sing, all should pray; the congregations should be both hearers and doers. This was, this ought always to be, the usage of the Lutheran Church.

The Book is not an original work; not a single form, not a single prayer, not even a response is found in it, that is not selected

from the elder Liturgies. A:n examination of the Book will show; too, that the forms are Churchly, Evangelical, brief, exceedingly simple, and easily followed. It is therefore to be hoped, that all our churches will adopt it, that we may be not only one people in name and doctrine, but also in forms and ceremonies; and that it may become the constant companion of every Evangelical Lutheran, both at home and abroad. For this purpose mainly have the Scriptural Lessons, the Passion of our Lord, the Penitential Psalms, the Creeds, the Catechism, the Confession, and the Prayers for Families and Individuals been added.

Let it be placed in the hands of the young, that they may learn to love and treasure it; and when old age comes, it will prove a source of comfort and consolation.

May the great Head of the Church, even the Lord Jesus Christ, bless it, and may through its humble instrumentality His saints be edified, His Church be built up, and His name be honored and glorified. Amen!

THE COMMITTEE.

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**PART I.**  
**THE LITURGY.**

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**SECTION I.**  
**THE ORDER OF DIVINE SERVICE FOR SUNDAYS**  
**AND FESTIVALS.**

*“For God is not the author of confusion, but of peace.”—1 Cor. 14: 33.*

*“Let all things be done decently and in order.”—1 Cor. 14: 40.*

*“Endeavoring to keep the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace.”—Eph. 4: 3.*

# BOOK OF WORSHIP.



## I.—The Order of Morning Service.

**NOTE:** *At the usual time of service the worshippers should proceed to their seats, offer up a silent prayer, and then quietly await the opening of the service.*

### 1. THE INTROIT.

**NOTE:** *The congregation shall arise, and the Minister standing at the altar shall say one of the following Introits, after which the congregation shall say or sing the Gloria Patri; or the Introit may be said responsively by the Minister and the congregation; or both the Introit and Gloria Patri may be sung:*

1. In the name of the Father, the Son and the Holy Ghost: *or,*

2. Let us commence our religious exercises in the name of the Lord, who made the heavens and the earth; *or,*

3. The Lord be with you; *or,*

4. The Lord is in His holy temple, let all the earth keep silence before Him and worship Him; *or,*

5. The Lord is good to all and His tender mercies are over all His works; *or,*

6. Let the words of my mouth, and the meditations of my heart be acceptable in Thy sight, O Lord, my strength and my Redeemer; *or,*

7. Thus saith the Lord, in all places, where I record my name, I will come unto thee,

and I will bless thee. Then let us draw nigh unto Him, that we may receive his blessing; *or*,

8. Praise the Lord, for He is good, and His mercy endureth forever. My heart is fixed, O God, my heart is fixed. I will sing and give praise to Thy name, O Most High; *or*,

9. *Psalm 26.*

*Minister.* I will wash mine hands in innocency :

*Congregation.* So will I compass Thine altar, O Lord.

*M.* That I may publish with the voice of thanksgiving,

*C.* And tell of all Thy wondrous works.

*M.* Lord I have loved the habitation of Thy house, *or*,

*C.* And the place where Thine honor dwelleth; *or*,

10. *Psalm 100.*

*M.* Make a joyful noise unto the Lord, all ye lands.

*C.* Serve the Lord with gladness: come before His presence with singing.

*M.* Know ye that the Lord He is God :

*C.* It is He that hath made us, and not we ourselves; we are His people, and the sheep of His pasture.

*M.* Enter into His gates with thanksgiving, and into His courts with praise :

*C.* Be thankful unto Him, and bless His name.

*M.* For the Lord is good; His mercy is everlasting ;

C. And His truth endureth to all generations, *or*,

11. *Psalm 122.*

M. I was glad when they said unto me,  
Let us go into the house of the Lord.

C. Our feet shall stand within Thy gates,  
O Jerusalem.

M. Pray for the peace of Jerusalem:

C. They shall prosper that love Thee.

M. Peace be within Thy walls,

C. And prosperity within Thy palaces.

*The Gloria Patri.*

NOTE: *To be always said or sung standing.*

Glory be to the Father and to the Son,  
And to the Holy Ghost,

As it was in the beginning, is now and ever  
shall be,

World without end.

Amen.

NOTE: *On festival days the special Introit ought to be used instead of the general Introit.*

*Then shall follow the Confession, the congregation joining audibly or silently with the minister.*

2. THE CONFESSION OF SIN.

Dearly Beloved! The Holy Scriptures declare, that when the wicked man turneth away from his wickedness and doeth that which is lawful and right, he shall save his soul alive. The sacrifices of God are a broken and a contrite heart. To the Lord belongeth mercy and forgiveness, though we have sinned against Him. If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is

not in us. But if we confess our sins, God is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness. Let us therefore, devoutly kneeling, confess our sins unto God our heavenly Father, and humbly beseech him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.

Almighty and most merciful Father, we confess that we have grievously and in various ways transgressed against Thee. We have followed too much the desires of our own hearts. We have left undone those things which we ought to have done; and we have done those things which we ought not to have done. But enter Thou not, we beseech Thee, into judgment with us, for in Thy sight shall no man living be justified. With godly sorrow and sincere penitence we implore Thy forgiveness and favor through Thy dear Son, Jesus Christ. Have mercy, O Lord, upon us miserable offenders. And grant us grace that we may ever hereafter live a godly, righteous and sober life, to the glory of Thy holy name, through Jesus Christ our Mediator and Redeemer. Amen.

*NOTE: Then may the minister and the congregation say or sing, having arisen to their feet and standing :*

### *The Kyrie.*

O God the Father in heaven, have mercy upon us!

O God the Son, Redeemer of the world, have mercy upon us!

O God the Holy Ghost, have mercy upon us, and grant us Thy peace!

*NOTE: Then may the minister say,*

Almighty God our heavenly Father hath

had mercy upon us, and hath given His only Son to die for our sins, and doth for His sake graciously pardon us; He also giveth unto all them that believe in His name the power to become His children, and promises to bestow upon them His Holy Spirit. Praise the Lord, praise ye the name of the Lord. Amen.

NOTE: *Then may the congregation say,*

Amen.

*The congregation being seated, a hymn of praise, or the Gloria in Excelsis shall be sung.*

### *The Gloria in Excelsis.*

Glory be to God on high, and on earth peace, good will towards men. We praise Thee, we bless Thee, we worship Thee, we glorify Thee, we give thanks to Thee for Thy great glory, O Lord God, heavenly King, God the Father Almighty.

O Lord, the only begotten Son, Jesus Christ; O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father, that takest away the sins of the world, have mercy upon us. Thou that takest away the sins of the world, receive our prayer. Thou that sittest at the right hand of God the Father, have mercy upon us.

For Thou only art holy, Thou only art the Lord; Thou only, O Christ, with the Holy Ghost, art most high in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

NOTE: *Then shall be read the Scriptural lessons, either according to the Pericopee or otherwise selected. Then may the minister and congregation together recite the Apostles' Creed, all standing. The minister saying: Let us with the Church of our Lord confess our faith, and say:*

### *The Apostles' Creed.*

I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth.

And in Jesus Christ His only Son, our Lord; Who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, Born of the Virgin Mary; Suffered under Pontius Pilate, Was crucified, dead, and buried; He descended into hell; The third day He rose again from the dead; He ascended into heaven, And sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; From thence He shall come to judge the quick and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Ghost; The holy Christian Church, The Communion of Saints; The forgiveness of sins; The Resurrection of the body; And the life everlasting. Amen.

*Prayer*  
NOTE: *Instead of the Apostles' Creed, may be said the Nicene Creed.*

I believe in one God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, And of all things visible and invisible.

And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, Begotten of His Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God, Begotten, not made, Being of one substance with the Father, By whom all things were made; Who, for us men, and for our salvation, came down from heaven, And was incarnate by the Holy Ghost of the Virgin Mary, And was made man; And was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate. He suffered and was buried; And the third day He rose again, according to the Scriptures; And ascended into heaven, And sitteth on the right hand of the Father; And He shall come again with glory to judge both the quick and the dead, Whose kingdom shall have no end.



And I believe in the Holy Ghost, the Lord and Giver of Life, Who proceedeth from the Father and the Son, Who with the Father and the Son together is worshipped and glorified. Who spake by the Prophets. And I believe in one holy Christian and Apostolic Church; I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins; And I look for the Resurrection of the dead, and the Life of the world to come. Amen.

*NOTE: Instead of the Creed may be said the Decalogue.*

*The Minister saying: Let us unite in repeating the Commandments of the Lord our God.*

### *The Decalogue.*

1. I am the Lord thy God—thou shalt have no other gods before me.

2. Thou shalt not make unto thee any graven image, or any likeness of any thing that is in heaven above, or that is in the earth beneath, or that is in the water under the earth; Thou shalt not bow down thyself to them, nor serve them: for I the Lord thy God am a jealous God, visiting the iniquity of the fathers upon the children unto the third and fourth generation of them that hate me; and showing mercy unto thousands of them that love me and keep my commandments.

3. Thou shalt not take the name of the Lord thy God in vain; for the Lord will not hold him guiltless that taketh His name in vain.

4. Remember the Sabbath-day, to keep it holy. Six days shalt thou labor and do all thy work; but the seventh day is the Sabbath of the Lord thy God; in it thou shalt not do any work, thou, nor thy son, nor thy daughter,

nor thy man servant, nor thy maid servant, nor thy cattle, nor thy stranger that is within thy gates: For in six days the Lord made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that in them is, and rested the seventh day; wherefore the Lord blessed the Sabbath-day and hallowed it.

5. Honor thy father and thy mother; that thy days may be long upon the land which the Lord thy God giveth thee.

6. Thou shalt not kill.

7. Thou shalt not commit adultery.

8. Thou shalt not steal.

9. Thou shalt not bear false witness against thy neighbor.

10. Thou shalt not covet thy neighbor's house, thou shalt not covet thy neighbor's wife, nor his man servant, nor his maid servant, nor his ox, nor his ass, nor any thing that is thy neighbor's.

6. *Then shall the Minister offer the general prayer. One of the Liturgical prayers may be used.*

The congregation saying:

*Amen.*

NOTE: *On Festivals it is recommended that the prayer for the day be used.*

7. *Then shall be sung a suitable hymn, during which the Minister shall go into the pulpit, and the singing ended, he shall preach.*

8. *The sermon.*

9. *Then may the Minister and congregation say: The Lord's Prayer. An extempore prayer may be substituted.*

### *The Lord's Prayer.*

Our Father, who art in heaven; Hallowed be Thy name; Thy kingdom come; Thy will be done on earth, as it is in heaven; Give us this day our daily bread; And forgive us our

trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; And lead us not into temptation; But deliver us from evil; For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.

10. *Then shall a hymn be sung.*

NOTE: *The Minister, either from the pulpit or standing at the altar shall pronounce:*

11. *Announcements.*

12. *The Benediction.*

### BENEDICTIONS.

#### *The Old Testament Benediction.*

The Lord bless thee, and keep thee;

The Lord make His face to shine upon thee, and be gracious unto thee.

The Lord lift up His countenance upon thee, and give thee peace.

In the name of the Father, the Son and the Holy Ghost. Amen.

#### *The New Testament Benediction.*

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Ghost be with you all. Amen—or,

The peace of God, which passeth all understanding, keep your hearts and minds, through Jesus Christ, to eternal life. Amen.

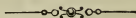


## II.—The Order of Evening Service.

NOTE: *If there be but one service on the Lord's Day, the Order of Morning Service ought to be used. But where in addition to the morning service, there is also an evening service, the following Order may be observed:*

1. *An Introit.*

2. *A Hymn.*
3. *The Scripture Lesson.*
4. *Prayer.*
5. *A Hymn.*
6. *The Sermon.*
7. *The Lord's Prayer or an extempore prayer.*
8. *A Hymn.*
9. *The Benediction.*



### III.—General Prayers.

#### 1.

Almighty, everlasting God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, Lord of heaven and earth, we devoutly beseech Thee, that Thou wouldst so guide and govern by Thy good Spirit Thy whole church universal, with all its teachers and servants, that it be preserved in the true doctrine of Thy holy word, here and everywhere, so that Thy kingdom be spread, the true faith awakened and strengthened, and love toward all mankind increased among us. We further pray Thee, Lord of lords, that Thou wouldst graciously look upon this our country, preserve its liberties, and constantly increase its temporal and spiritual blessings.

We beseech Thee to take into Thy favor and protection the President of the United States and all others in authority. Bestow upon them Thy blessing, and crown them with grace and favor, so that under their government we may lead a quiet and peaceable life in all godliness and honesty.

Especially do we beseech Thee let Thine eye be constantly upon this community, and graciously remember our congregation. Be

Thou, Almighty Protector of Thy Church, amongst us with Thy grace and assistance, take not Thy hand away from us, and give Thy Divine influence to whatsoever truly adds to our temporal and eternal welfare. Grant unto us holy courage, good counsel and proper works.

Into Thy gracious protection do we also commit our brethren of the faith wherever they may be. Be gracious unto them Lord our God and prosper the work of their hands. Defend them mightily from all dangers which may threaten them, and preserve them in the one true faith that they ever honor Thy name.

Graciously bless the education and instruction of our youth, that they may grow up in Thy fear, to the praise of Thy name. Especially bless all institutions of learning designed to qualify faithful laborers for Thy vineyard.

Advance every Christian occupation, employment and profession, and let every one engaged therein walk before Thee with a good conscience, and support himself in all honesty.

Graciously take into Thy protection the sick, the poor, the widow and the orphan, all infants and children, safely guide all those who travel by land and by water, in the way of their calling; have mercy upon all those who are in distress and those who suffer persecution for Thy name's sake. Comfort them, O God, with Thy favor, and finally redeem them according to Thy fatherly pleasure.

Give us fruitful seasons, defend from all hurtful tempests, scarcity, famine, war, conflagration, inundation and other calamities. Thus, faithful Father, remain with us until

our end, and let Thy Spirit never be taken away from us, that we may live in Thy fear, die in Thy grace, and at last obtain the end of our faith, even the salvation of our souls.

All this grant for the sake of Thy beloved Son Jesus Christ, and His precious blood, who with Thee and the Holy Ghost liveth and reigneth in equal majesty and glory, true God and man, blessed for ever. Amen.

## 2.

Glory and honor be unto Thee, the self-existent and infinite Jehovah, who art, and wast, and shalt be from eternity to eternity! Adoration and praise be unto Thee, the Omnipotent, All-wise, All-gracious Being, who fillest the heavens and the earth with Thy presence and Thy love!

Glory and honor be unto Thee, the Creator and Preserver of the Universe, the Father and the Friend of the sons of men! Thou hast formed us after Thine own image, made us intelligent, free and immortal spirits, and raised us to the dignity of Thy children and worshippers. Thou bestowest upon us, each returning day, invaluable mercies and blessings both for our bodies and our souls; and Thou art preparing us for holier and higher satisfactions in a better world.

Adoration and praise be unto Thee, the Father of compassion, the God of all consolation and grace in Christ Jesus our Lord! Thou hast pitied our sinful and wretched race, and given us a Redeemer who is able to save unto the uttermost. By the doctrines, the death, and the resurrection of Thy Son, Thou hast revealed to us Thy character and

will, conferred on us the strongest assurance and pledge of Thy mercy, enriched us with comfort under all our trials and distresses, encouraged and enabled us to prove faithful to duty, delivered us from the fear of death and of hell, and set before us the path of life and pleasures at Thy right hand for evermore.

Almighty God, how shall words express the grandeur of Thy majesty, and the magnitude and extent of Thy grace! We would bow down with the profoundest veneration, and worship Thee as the first, the best, the most perfect of all beings. We contemplate with amazement the immeasurable distance between Thee and us, Thy frail and guilty creatures; and rejoice, that, though Thou art infinitely exalted, Thou deignest to exercise such condescension and love towards us. To Thee all our homage, affection, and submission are due. To praise and adore Thee be our delightful and eternal employment, and that of all our brethren!

Merciful Parent of the human family, enable us to live under an habitual sense of the relation which we sustain toward Thee. May the recollection of Thy greatness ever inspire us with reverence, and the remembrance of Thy mercy lead us to consecrate our bodies and our souls as a living sacrifice unto Thee. May a cheerful and universal obedience ever prove our gratitude, and a patient submission to the afflictions we may encounter evince our trust. May we ever rejoice in Jesus Christ as the Captain of our salvation, open our hearts to all His discoveries and commandments, make them the only rule of our faith and practice, aim con-

tinually at an increasing resemblance of His Divine dispositions and virtues, and rely with immovable confidence upon the precious promises which He sealed with His blood. By the influence of His word and Spirit, may we pass with usefulness and comfort, through all the vicissitudes of this transitory state, and become qualified for an entrance into that world, where all His followers shall behold Him face to face.

These blessings, which we supplicate for ourselves, we beseech Thee, heavenly Father, to extend to the whole family of man. Increase the number of those who worship Thee in spirit and in truth. Multiply the triumphs of truth over error, of righteousness over iniquity, of a filial spirit of love over servile terrors and gloomy fears. In all the habitations of men, from the rising unto the going down of the sun, may the incense of acceptable praise and the pure offering of a virtuous life be presented unto Thee.

Endow all those who are appointed to rule over their fellow-men, with a superior measure of wisdom and benevolence; and inspire all instructors of youth and all teachers of religion with an ardent concern to promote the welfare of those with whom they are connected. Enlighten and direct Thy servants to whom the administration of our government is committed, and all who are empowered to enact and to execute our laws, in fulfilling their arduous and important duties. Grant that all the inhabitants of our land may lead a quiet and peaceable life in all godliness and honesty. Vouchsafe to preserve to us our civil and religious rights, to protect us from the horrors of war and other



public calamities, to bless us with healthy and fruitful seasons, and to prosper our agriculture, commerce and manufactures.

Have mercy, gracious God, upon all communities or individuals, who are oppressed by injustice and tyranny, who are flying from the sword of their enemies; who are suffering from the desolation of famine or pestilence; who are bowed down by sickness or poverty; or who are exposed to other evils and dangers. Prevent them, we pray Thee, from being overwhelmed by such visitations, and from sinking into despair. Raise up to them friends, and send them relief in their distresses, and cause the rough and thorny path of affliction to become to them the path to perfection and bliss. Let Thy consolations cheer and support, especially, our mourning and distressed brethren, who are united with this church, or for whom our prayers have been desired. Alleviate their pains, both of body and mind. Deliver them from all their sorrows, if this be agreeable to Thy holy will, or enable them to suffer with pious resignation and hope, and let them find by happy experience, that it was good for them to be afflicted.

Hear us we beseech Thee for the sake of Thy Son, our Lord and Saviour, to whom with Thyself and the Holy Ghost, be praise everlasting. Amen.

### 3.

Almighty and most merciful God, we desire to lift up our hearts unto Thee, the hearer of prayer, from whom alone cometh our help. We adore Thee as the great Pa-

rent of the Universe, from whom all things proceed, and on whom all creatures depend. Thou art worthy of all possible veneration, gratitude, and obedience. Thou art the blessed and only Potentate, the King of kings, and Lord of lords. Thou alone hast immortality, and art unchangeable in wisdom and holiness. Thy truth endureth to all generations; Thy mercy is from everlasting to everlasting upon them that fear Thee; and Thy righteousness unto children's children. We, Thine unworthy servants, would give Thee most humble and hearty thanks for all Thy goodness and loving-kindness to us and to all men. We bless Thee for our creation, preservation, and all the blessings of this life; but, above all, for Thine inestimable love in the redemption of the world by our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ, for the means of grace, and for the hope of glory. And we beseech Thee to give us that due sense of all Thy mercies, that our hearts may be unfeignedly thankful, and that we may show forth Thy praise not only with our lips, but in our lives. Grant that we may devote ourselves to Thy service, and walk before Thee in holiness and righteousness all our days. Enable us to cherish and to exercise habitually every pious and virtuous affection; that we may enjoy the testimony of a good conscience and the hope of Thy favor, be sustained and comforted under the troubles of this life, and finally be received into Thine everlasting kingdom, through Thine infinite mercy in Jesus Christ our Saviour.

Thou hast directed us, Almighty God, to offer up our supplications for all our fellow-men. We humbly beseech Thee for all sorts

and conditions of men; that Thou wouldst be pleased to make Thy ways known unto them, the saving Gospel of Thy Son unto all nations; that idolatry, superstition, and vice may be banished from the earth; and that war, oppression, and injustice, may for ever cease. We pray that the Church of Jesus throughout the world may be so guided and governed by Thy good Spirit, that all who profess themselves Christians, may be led into the way of truth, and hold the faith in unity of spirit, in the bond of peace, and in righteousness of life. We commend to Thy fatherly goodness all those who are afflicted or distressed in mind, body or estate; that it may please Thee to comfort and relieve them according to their several necessities; giving them patience under their sufferings, and a happy issue out of all their afflictions.

We implore Thy heavenly blessing especially upon the land in which we live. Give success, we pray Thee, to the lawful and virtuous labors of its inhabitants; and provide the necessary supplies for all their wants. Behold with Thy favor the President of the United States, the Governor of this State, and all who are invested with legislative, judicial, or executive authority; and so replenish them with Thy grace that they may always incline to Thy will and walk in Thy way, and be enabled to promote and secure the national peace, liberty, safety and prosperity. Send down upon all ministers of the Gospel, and upon all congregations committed to their charge, the needful Spirit of Thy grace, that they may truly please Thee; and give such efficacy to the means of education with which Thou hast furnished us, that we may become

a wise and righteous people, whom Thou wilt delight to protect and favor.

Hear us, most merciful God, we beseech Thee, in these our supplications and intercessions, which we offer up unto Thee as disciples of Thy Son; and pardon and accept us, through Him, now and evermore. Amen.

## 4.

Lord, our God and Father, who art our salvation and peace for ever! Trusting in Thy great goodness, we have met together, to worship before Thee in godly fear. We venture to address Thee, though we are but dust and ashes. Thou hast said: Seek ye my face! Thy face, Lord, will we seek, and hold fast our confidence in the word of Thy grace and love. Lord, we love the habitation of Thy house, and the place where Thine honor dwelleth, where Thy people sing praise to Thy name, and show forth all Thy marvellous works.

Blessed be Thou, our God and Father, who hast revealed Thyself unto us as a God of love! The heavens declare Thy glory, and the firmament sheweth Thy handiwork; all Thy works bear witness unto us of the wisdom and power of Thine eternal Godhead. And how full of grace hast Thou shown Thyself unto us sinful men, in Jesus Christ Thy Son! He is the brightness of Thy glory, and the express image of Thy person; He hath spoken unto us that which He knew, and testified what He had seen; through Him Thou hast taken away the punishment of our sins, and bestowed upon us the hope of eternal life. This is life eternal, to know Thee, the only

true God, and Jesus Christ, whom Thou hast sent.

To Thee, who art a faithful God, we will at all times, and this day anew, consecrate ourselves in body and soul, and offer Thee the willing sacrifice of our hearts. Take us as Thine, gracious Father! Sanctify us by Thy Spirit; animate us with renewed strength to do Thy will; refresh us with the rich consolations of the Gospel, and fill our souls with that peace which passeth all understanding.

O God, our Saviour! who wilt have all men to be saved, we pray Thee richly to bless, on this day, the preaching and hearing of Thy precious word, and to produce in the hearts of men, through Thy Holy Spirit, that faith which saves the soul. Strengthen, establish, and revive believers, through Thy power, and by shedding abroad Thy love in their hearts. Enlighten those who yet walk in darkness, still loving the world, and serving sin; deliver them from their bondage and reconcile them unto Thyself, that none may come short of eternal life.

Holy Father! we pray Thee to bless, in their temporal interests also, our fellow-Christians and all our fellow-men throughout the earth. Especially continue to be gracious to our land and all its inhabitants. Be with our rulers; inspire them with wise purposes, salutary counsels and right principles, that they may be unto us a perpetual blessing; that under their protection we may lead a quiet and peaceable life, in all godliness and honesty. Grant that all citizens may discharge with fidelity the duties of their several stations and callings, and at all times,

do that which is right in Thy sight. Bless all parents in their important duties; grant that every habitation may be an abode of peace, and a nursery, whence may proceed men who shall love and fear Thee. Give success to every good and useful undertaking, and grant Thy blessing, that our fields may never cease to yield fruitful harvests. Have mercy on all that are afflicted, forsaken, and destitute. Comfort those that mourn, provide for the widow and the orphan, send relief to the sick, and graciously visit the dying with Thy grace, and prepare them for the solemnities of judgment.

Gracious and merciful God, cast us not away from Thy presence! Let the words of our mouths come before Thee, and the meditations of our hearts be acceptable in Thy sight! Do us good continually while we live on earth, and help us, according to Thy fatherly goodness and faithfulness, to attain unto eternal life and happiness, through Jesus Christ, our Lord. - Amen.



#### IV.—Festivals.

*NOTE: The services are to be conducted as on the Lord's day, except that the Introit, Scripture Lessons and Prayer for the day ought to be used.*

##### 1. ADVENT.

###### *Introit.*

*NOTE: To be used with or without responses.*

*Minister.* Hosanna to the Son of David:

*Congregation.* Blessed is he that cometh in the name of the Lord.

*M.* Rejoice greatly, thou daughter of Zion ;

*C.* Shout, O daughter of Jerusalem :

*M.* Behold, Thy King cometh unto thee :

*C.* He is just, and having salvation.

Glory be to the Father and to the Son,

And to the Holy Ghost,

As it was in the beginning, is now and ever  
shall be,

World without end.

Amen.

*Prayer.*

O Lord Jesus Christ, Thou King of glory and Lord of lords ; Thou Son of the living God and David's branch. We praise Thee our Lord, that Thou permittest us again to celebrate Thy advent. Thou didst enter into Jerusalem, but Thine own did not receive Thee, therefore didst Thou turn unto us poor Gentiles with Thy holy word and sacraments. O Lord Jesus, who art the true God and eternal life, quicken our souls with Thy word, Thy Spirit, Thy body and blood. O our Lord, who hast redeemed us, reveal Thyself now to Thy beloved Church, which Thou hast purchased with Thy blood. Come with Thy gracious presence, that we may rejoice in Thee. Come with Thy love, Thy humility, and Thy obedience, and let Thy lowliness become our glory. Come and govern us, that we may follow Thee. Enter into the hearts of Thy people, Lord Jesus, and bless them, for they are the flock of Thine heritage. Pardon our sins, and put not Thy servants away in anger, for Thou art merciful. Clothe us with the garment of salvation, cover us with the robe of righteousness. Bestow upon us the riches of the glory of Thine inherit-

ance, for Thou becamest poor for our sake, that we through Thy poverty might be rich. O Lord establish Thy Church in the faith. Take up Thine abode and reign in the hearts of our baptized children. Lead sinners unto repentance, guard Thy saints, strengthen the ministers of Thy Church, that with all boldness they may speak Thy word, press onward victoriously, and be crowned with blessings. Bless the magistracy of our land, and cause all who exercise authority to become protectors and guardians of Thy Church; that Thy kingdom may come. Enable us at all times to honor and glorify Thee with our earthly goods. Give unto us the rich bounties of Thy grace, that we may flourish as green palm trees beneath Thy cross, that we may set our affections on things that are above, that we may receive Thee joyfully and serve Thee with pure hearts, until we enter with Thee in the eternal and heavenly Jerusalem, and join in the song of praise and adoration in glory. Amen. In Thy name Lord Jesus. Amen!

## 2. CHRISTMAS.

### *Introit.*

NOTE: *To be used with or without responses.*

*Minister.* Blessed be the Lord God of Israel;

*Congregation.* For He hath visited and redeemed His people,

*M.* And hath raised up a horn of salvation for us

*C.* In the house of His servant David;

*M.* As He spake by the mouth of His holy prophets,



C. Which have been since the world began :

M. That we should be saved from our enemies,

C. And from the hand of all that hate us.

Glory be to the Father and to the Son,

And to the Holy Ghost,

As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be.

Amen.

*Prayer.*

O God, the Creator, Benefactor, and Father of mankind ! Thou art worthy of universal and everlasting adoration. Thou art the perfection of all excellency, and the source of all happiness. All Thy works praise Thee, and all Thy saints bless Thy name.

We would come before Thee, O Lord, to acknowledge with reverence and gratitude, that the whole creation is full of Thy goodness, that every part of our lives has been marked by Thine indulgence, and that day after day Thou art multiplying fresh favors upon us. But especially would we thank Thee for those unspeakable mysteries of wisdom and benevolence, of which we are reminded this festive day. Herein is love : not that we had loved Thee, O God, but that Thou didst so love us, as to send Thy Son to be the propitiation for our sins.

Adoration and praise be given to Thee, that when darkness had overspread the earth, and gross darkness the people, when superstition and idolatry prevailed, and when error and vice seemed to triumph over truth and righteousness, Thou didst graciously interpose in behalf of Thy degenerate offspring, and raise up for them a Saviour, able to help and

mighty to deliver. Adoration and praise be given to Thee, that, through His mediation and Gospel, light, and pardon, and power, and peace, and everlasting felicity are offered, in Thy name, to the rebellious children of men. Adoration and praise be given to Thee, that the divinity of His mission and character has been established by the most decisive evidence, and that none who trust in Him shall ever be confounded. O, who can express the greatness of Thy compassion, or sufficiently admire Thy wonderful arrangements for our redemption and happiness!

God of mercy, let it please Thee to add grace to grace. Help us to contemplate the matchless event we are commemorating, with all those affections which its importance demands. Pour out Thyself into our hearts that gratitude to Thee and to Thy blessed Son, which shall prompt the most ardent devotion to Thy service, and render our whole existence one continued song of thanksgiving. Assist us to form right conceptions of the design of the Messiah's advent. Convince us of our own need of this astonishing dispensation of mercy. Awaken us to avail ourselves with alacrity and zeal of the assistance which it imparts, and to obtain the happiness to which it is intended to conduct us. While with gladness of heart we exclaim, "Blessed is He that cometh in the name of the Lord," may we receive His Gospel with lively faith; learn of Him as the great prophet of God; bow down to His authority as the Head over all things to the Church; depend on Him as the Captain of salvation; follow Him as our leader to the skies; and rely with implicit confidence upon His promises. May it be

our great concern to grow continually in the knowledge of His holy Gospel, to be redeemed through Him from all corruption and iniquity, to glorify His name by our walk and conversation, to advocate His cause and advance His kingdom, to realize the fulness of consolation and hope found in His word. And may we be enabled under all the changes and trials of life, in some good degree to comprehend the breadth and length, and depth and height of that love of God and Christ, which passeth knowledge.

Parent of all compassion, who didst send Thine only begotten Son, to be a light to lighten the Gentiles and the glory of Thy people Israel; grant, we beseech Thee, that the good tidings of great joy, in which we exult this day may be communicated to every tribe of Adam's race; and that all our fellow-men may say with exultation, Unto us this Child is born, unto us this Son is given! Under the reign of the Prince of peace, may the righteous flourish, and harmony and concord universally prevail. May all who profess themselves Christians arise and shine, since the glory of the Lord is risen upon them. And may they be taught to say in sincerity and truth, "If God so loved us, we ought also to love one another."

O Thou, who art abundant in goodness and pity, accept our petitions for the relief of the sorrowful and unhappy. Looking up to Thy throne this day, may they be ransomed from every foe and every fear. Bind up the broken-hearted, and proclaim liberty to the captives. Give to them that mourn beauty for ashes, and the garment of praise for the spirit of heaviness. And assist all the con-

trite to cast away their burdens, and with the spirit of adoption in their souls to cry, Abba, Father.

We offer up these our sacrifices, O God, in the name and as the disciples of Thy beloved Son, through whom we have boldness to draw near to Thy throne. And we pray, that at His second appearance in glorious majesty to judge the world, we, with all His redeemed, may be received into Thy blissful presence, and sing the triumphs of Thy grace for ever and ever. Amen.

### 3. NEW YEAR.

#### *Introit.*

NOTE: *To be used with or without responses.*

*Minister.* The Lord be with you ;

*Congregation.* And with thy spirit.

*M.* Lift up your hearts.

*C.* We lift them up unto the Lord.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son,  
And to the Holy Ghost,

As it was in the beginning, is now and ever  
shall be,

World without end.

Amen.

#### *Prayer.*

Almighty and gracious God our Father, another portion of our earthly pilgrimage has passed away, and in Thy name we this day enter upon a new year. O Lord, how great is Thy goodness to usward, who on account of our sins have deserved nothing

from Thee but tribulation and anguish. We would have miserably perished in sorrow and trouble, in calamity and despair like many others, if Thy paternal care and Thy merciful protection had not delivered and kept us. We, therefore, render to Thee with grateful hearts, praise, honor, glory and thanks. Forgive us all our sins and transgressions. Begin this new year by blessing us anew. Renew Thy paternal love and faithfulness toward us. Continue to us the possession of Thy word in its purity. Build up churches and schools. Enlighten all teachers and preachers. Strengthen all rulers and magistrates. Bless all heads of families. Govern all children and servants. Save us from war and commotion. Turn aside from us pestilence and famine. Give us fruitful seasons. Crown the year with Thy blessings. Give peace to our land, joy to our hearts, health to our bodies, and finally have compassion on all men. O Lord Jesus, Thou ever blessed Saviour, be Thou also praised for the great and numberless benefits, Thou art bestowing on us poor sinners. Abide with us. May we now and always continue the objects of Thy redeeming love, and let Thy meritorious sacrifices and death be our comfort in life and death. O God the Holy Ghost, infinite praise and glory be to Thee, for the assistance, the help and the comforting guidance which we hitherto have experienced from Thee. Guide us still by Thy grace, that we may walk holy and unblameably, carry regenerated hearts into this new year; and lay aside our old sins with the old year, that we may henceforth walk in newness of life and at last obtain an eternal crown

of rejoicing. And to Thee with the Father and the Son, united in one Godhead be all the praise, the honor and the glory, for ever. Amen.

#### 4. BEGINNING OF THE PASSION-WEEK.

##### *Introit.*

NOTE: *To be used with or without responses.*

*Minister.* Out of the depths have I cried unto Thee, O Lord.

*Congregation.* Lord, hear my voice, let Thine ears be attentive to the voice of my supplications.

*M.* If Thou, Lord, shouldst mark iniquities, O Lord, who shall stand?

*C.* But there is forgiveness with Thee, that Thou mayest be feared.

*M.* I wait for the Lord, my soul doth wait, and in His word do I hope.

*C.* My soul waiteth for the Lord, more than they that watch for the morning.

*M.* Let Israel hope in the Lord:

*C.* For with the Lord there is mercy, and with Him is plenteous redemption.

Glory be to the Father and to the Son,

And to the Holy Ghost,

As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be,

World without end.

Amen.

##### *Prayer.*

O God, our gracious and Merciful Father! We have once more met to unite with heartfelt emotion, in contemplating that gracious

plan, by which, through the death of Thy Son, Thou hast established an eternal propitiation for our sins, and not for ours only, but also for the sins of the whole world. For verily, Thou hast looked upon our deep distress, and visited us with Thy tender mercy.

O Lord, Thou hast commended Thy love toward us, in that, while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us. Enable us truly to say: We know and believe the love that God hath to us. God is for us, who then, can be against us? Thou hast remembered and performed to us all Thy blessed promises. What gift canst Thou deny to those, for whom, through Thy mercy the Lord Jesus Christ hath tasted death? He who spared not His own Son, but gave Him up for us all, how shall He not, with Him also, freely give us all things? Our souls shall bless Thee, O Lord, and all that is within us shall bless Thy holy name. Thanks, and everlasting praise be to Thee, Lord Jesus, Thou Friend and Redeemer of our souls! For the joy that was set before Thee, Thou didst, for our sakes, endure the cross, despising the shame. That we might again be numbered among the children of God, Thou, who art the eternal Son of God, wast willing to be numbered among the transgressors. That we, who were poor, might be made rich, Thou wast pleased to lay aside Thy glory, and to be found in fashion as a man. To procure peace and consolation for our guilty souls, Thy soul was sorrowful even unto death. To burst the bonds of sin with which we were bound, Thou didst appear in bonds at the judgment bar of the wicked. To deliver us from the sting of death, Thou wast led, as a lamb, to

the slaughter, and openedst not Thy mouth ; and for us Thy head was bowed in death. Holy Sufferer, our Divine Mediator, how great is that love wherewith Thou lovedst us ! What shall we offer Thee in return for Thy love, seeing Thou hast loved us unto death, even the death of the cross !

Lord Jesus, who art the Mediator between God and man ! It is our heart's desire to be eternally grateful to Thee for Thy sufferings, which are the source of our joy. Forbid that any of us should come short of that life, which Thou hast purchased for us by the bitter agony of Thy death. Grant us the full assurance of faith, that we may build all our comfort and peace, all our confidence and hope, on Thee alone, whose atoning merits are the only ground that can firmly hold the anchor of our soul for ever. Grant us also Thy Holy Spirit, that the contemplation of Thy sufferings and death may more and more effectually lead us to true repentance, and make us daily more faithful in following after Thee. O Lord, we pray, that all who profess to ground their hopes on Thy death, may experience its power, and enjoy in the sanctification of their souls, an evidence that they have found peace with Thee. May those who preach in Thy name make the word of the cross their highest wisdom, and their constant theme. May those who are still serving sin be deeply affected in contemplating the sufferings which Thou hast endured for them on the cross ; and enable those who mourn under the burden of their sins, to cast their sorrows with believing hearts on Thee. Whenever angry passions rage, may the consideration of Thy dying love lead to recon-



ciliation and peace. When the world persecutes us, clothe us with Thy gentleness and forbearance. When trouble and sorrow weigh us down, may we learn, at Thy cross, to bear with patience and with steadfast hope. And when our last hour shall come, may Thy death be our victory.

Exalted Mediator, our faithful Saviour and Redeemer! O Lord Jesus, thou Son of God, give us Thy peace. Amen.

# 5. GOOD FRIDAY.

## *Introit.*

NOTE: *To be used with or without responses.*

*Minister.* Behold the Lamb of God,

*Congregation.* Which taketh away the sin of the world.

*M.* Surely He hath borne our griefs,

*C.* And carried our sorrows.

*M.* He was wounded for our transgressions;

*C.* He was bruised for our iniquities.

*M.* All we like sheep have gone astray,

*C.* And the Lord hath laid on Him the iniquity of us all.

NOTE: *The Gloria Patri is not to be used on this day.*

## *Prayer.*

Holy and gracious God! who condemnest sin, but yet hath pity on sinners! we worship Thee in the deepest reverence. Heavy is the load of that sin, which weighs us down; mighty to impel us to evil is that corruption which dwelleth in us; great is the misery to which we have brought ourselves; and dark the night which awaits us in eternity. How can we find peace and deliver-

ance, save by faith in Thy grace, which hath accomplished an atonement for us through Christ.

We must despair in our sins, except Thou bestow upon us Thy free grace. Have mercy upon us, and grant that through the blood of Thy Son, every penitent heart may find peace.

We cannot overcome the evil that is in us, except Thou strengthen us. Have mercy upon us, and let us so experience the power of Christ's death, that henceforth, crucified with Him, we may not serve sin, but live unto Him who died for us.

In our misery there is none to help us, except Thou stretch forth Thine hand and raise us up. Have mercy upon us, and grant that, in every sorrow of this life, we may be comforted by fixing our thoughts upon our suffering Redeemer.

We must be eternally lost, if there be none to intercede for us at the judgment bar. Have mercy upon us, and graciously hear our Advocate, Jesus Christ the Righteous, who, seated at Thy right hand, maketh intercession for us.

Lord Jesus, Thou Lamb of God, who takest away the sins of the world, be Thou our Advocate.

By Thy love unto death, even the death of the cross;

By the terrors that encompassed Thy soul;  
By the sufferings which Thou didst endure in Thy body;

By the bitter agony of Thy death;

Have mercy upon us, O Lord Jesus.

When the stings of conscience fill us with anguish; when, accused by our own thoughts,

our hearts condemn us; do Thou have pity upon us, and speak peace unto our souls.

In every time of temptation, when sinful desires would prevail, and we are in danger of falling away from Thee, do Thou strengthen us, that sin may not triumph over us.

When we are afflicted, and made to drink the cup of sorrows, do Thou comfort us, and enable us to derive encouragement from contemplating Thy meek and patient suffering on the cross.

When we are in the agony of death, and fears beset our soul, and flesh and heart fail, be Thou near to sustain and strengthen us in that last conflict.

When Thou shalt come to judge the world, and we stand before Thee to receive our sentence, do Thou, Lord Jesus, be gracious unto us! Preserve us from everlasting torments, O Thou Redeemer of our souls!

Hear us, O Lord! Grant, O Thou Mediator between God and man, who hast accomplished the work of reconciliation, that none of us may forfeit the blessings purchased for us by Thy bitter sufferings and death, but that they may redound to the eternal salvation of us all! Amen.

## 6. EASTER.

### *Introit.*

NOTE: *To be used with or without responses.*

*Minister.* The Lord is risen, and hath appeared unto Simon.

*Congregation.* The Lord is risen indeed.

*M.* Why seek ye the living among the dead?

*C.* He is not here, He is risen;

*M.* Thou hast crowned Him with glory and honor; Hallelujah!

*C.* Thou madest Him to have dominion over the works of Thy hand. Hallelujah!

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son,  
And to the Holy Ghost;

As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be,

World without end.

Amen.

### *Prayer.*

Glory and honor be unto Thee, O Lord, our God, who art, and wast, and shalt be from everlasting to everlasting. Adoration and praise be unto Thee, the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, who hath made this day for us, that we might rejoice and be glad in it. Adoration and praise be unto Thee, that Thy beloved Son was manifested in the flesh, that He might take away sin by the willing sacrifice of Himself on the cross, bring life and immortality to light, and open the kingdom of heaven to all who believe in His name. Adoration and praise be unto Thee, who art so wonderful in counsel and excellent in working. Thou hast not left His soul in hell, neither suffered Thy Holy One to see corruption. Thou hast made known to Him the ways of life, that through sufferings He should enter into His glory. Thou hast loosed for Him the pains of death, and made Him full of joy with Thy countenance. Glory be to Thee, that by the resurrection of Jesus His innocence is vindicated, His claims approved; that instead of the crown of thorns He now wears a crown of

glory; that He reigns for ever at Thy right hand; that He is appointed to lead His followers unto living fountains of water; and that where He is, they shall be with Him in blessedness everlasting.

Most merciful God, forgive we beseech Thee the errors and transgressions by which we have made ourselves unworthy of such unspeakable condescension and mercy. Enlighten the eyes of our understanding, that we may know what is the hope of our calling, and help our infirmities, that we may rejoice with our whole heart in His glorious Gospel. Whilst we praise Thee, that Jesus was delivered for our offences and raised again for our justification, O quicken us together with Him, that we may walk in newness of life; dead indeed unto sin, but alive unto Thee. Whilst we rejoice in that lively hope to which Thou hast begotten us again according to Thine abundant mercy by the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, the hope of an inheritance incorruptible, undefiled, and that fadeth not away,—may we purify ourselves, even as He is pure, seek those things which are above, and lay up treasures in heaven. Amidst the temptations and discouragements we shall experience, may we be steadfast and immovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord; forasmuch as we know, that our labor is not in vain in the Lord. Whatever comforts Thou shalt send us, may they be heightened by the reflection, that they are a foretaste of yet greater and more enduring joys. In all the afflictions of life, and in the decay of nature, may we be well enabled to realize with humble and holy confidence, that our Redeemer liveth. When we are called

to mourn over the loss of dear and valued friends, may we be cheered by the thought, that God will bring with him those who sleep in Jesus. And when we ourselves shall depart this life, may we be enabled to say: O death where is thy sting? O grave where is thy victory? Thanks be to God, who giveth us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.

Now unto Thee who art able to keep us from falling, and to present us faultless before the presence of His glory with exceeding joy, to the only wise God our Saviour be glory and majesty, dominion and power, both now and ever. Amen.

## 7. ASCENSION.

### *Introit.*

*NOTE: To be used with or without responses.*

*Minister.* Ye men of Galilee, why stand ye gazing up into heaven?

*Congregation.* Hallelujah!

*M.* He shall so come in like manner as ye have seen Him go into heaven.

*C.* Hallelujah!

*M.* O clap your hands, all ye people,

*C.* Shout unto God with the voice of triumph.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son,  
And to the Holy Ghost,

As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be,

World without end.

Amen.

### *Prayer.*

O Lord Jesus Christ, eternal Son of God, Saviour of the world, the King of heaven

and of earth, the mighty Conqueror of all our enemies! when Thou hadst by Thy sufferings and death accomplished the great work of redemption, Thou didst arise from the dead, show Thyself alive to Thy disciples, give them commandments and bless them, and then ascend up into heaven; Thou hast led captivity captive, and given gifts unto men, Thou hast spoiled principalities and powers and made a show of them openly, triumphing over them by Thy cross. All power is given unto Thee in heaven and in earth. Thou art seated at the right hand of God the Father, and art exalted above every name that is named, not only in this world, but also in that which is to come. All things are put under Thy feet, and Thou art the head over all things to the Church. The hand-writing of ordinances that was against us has been blotted out, the sentence of condemnation removed, all our guilt cancelled with Thy precious blood, and our enemies, death and the devil, have now no more dominion over us. For this Thy glorious and mighty victory, we render unto Thee most hearty thanks; we praise Thee, we worship Thee, and humbly beseech Thee as our everlasting High Priest to intercede for us poor sinners with Thy heavenly Father, that we, being delivered from all guilt and pain through the merits of Thy sufferings and death, may escape the just wrath of God and the punishment of the world to come.

We are also the children of God the Father, for Thou hast said, I ascend unto my Father and your Father, and to my God and your God. Give us Thy Holy Spirit, the Spirit of truth, the blessed Comforter, to

teach, to lead, to comfort and to strengthen us, that we may evermore hold fast Thy saving word, and not be carried about with every wind of doctrine by the sleight of men, and cunning craftiness, whereby they lie in wait to deceive.

And as Thou, O blessed Lord, art not far off, but always nigh unto us, ruling over us as our everlasting heavenly King, we most heartily pray Thee to protect, with Thine Almighty hand Thy people, whom Thou hast so gloriously redeemed, as Thy heritage, from Satan and all our enemies. Leave us not comfortless, but abide with us even unto the end of the world, and graciously continue to us Thy word and the right use of Thy holy sacraments; send forth faithful laborers into Thy harvest, endue all Thy ministers with the power of Thy Holy Spirit and bless their labors, to the end that sinners may be converted unto Thee, and many souls gathered into Thine everlasting kingdom. O Lord Jesus Christ, Son of the Highest, by the offering up of Thy body and blood, Thou hast given us a sure pledge, that after this life we also shall come to the joy and felicity of everlasting life; grant, that we may be encouraged by Thy triumphant ascension to turn away our hearts and eyes from the perishable things of this world, and to seek those things which are above. Give us the wings of the morning, that we may flee unto Thee. When shall we be permitted to see Thy face, and to ascend with Thee to Thy Father and to our Father, to Thy God and to our God? May Thy good Spirit, the pledge and seal of our inheritance, cry within us: Come, Lord Jesus. Come quickly, Lord



Jesus, our Comforter. Hear our prayers and receive us, Saviour, to Thee. Amen.

## 8. PENTECOST, OR WHITSUNDAY.

### *Introit.*

NOTE: *To be used with or without responses.*

*Minister.* The whole earth is full of the Spirit of the Lord.

*Congregation.* Hallelujah!

*M.* I will pour water upon him that is thirsty;

*C.* And floods upon the dry ground.

*M.* I will pour my Spirit upon thy seed;

*C.* And my blessing upon thine offspring.

*M.* God is the Lord, which has showed us light;

*C.* Bind the sacrifice with cords, even unto the horns of the altar.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son,  
And to the Holy Ghost,

As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be,

World without end.

Amen.

### *Prayer.*

Eternal God! With heartfelt emotion we worship before Thy glorious majesty. With thanksgiving and joy we adore Thee as the first and eternal cause of all things; as the only and everlasting source of all light and life, of all power and happiness. On this solemn festival we bless and praise Thee, especially for the glorious accomplishment of Thy counsel concerning the salvation of mankind. We give thanks to Thee with our whole heart, that when Christ our Saviour

had returned to Thee, Thou didst visit Thy people with new mercies, and establish by the outpouring of Thy Holy Spirit the Church of Thy Son upon earth. Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, be Thou exalted in the congregation of Thy people, that Thou hast bestowed this inestimable gift upon sinful men. With grateful hearts we cherish the memory of that blessed morn, on which, through the gifts and powers of Thy Spirit, Thou didst enlighten and sanctify the first friends of the Saviour, and ordain them to be heralds of peace, and witnesses for the truth. May all who name the name of Christ, unite with joy to praise Thee, for Thy kingdom cannot be moved. Thy Son hath declared unto us: If ye, being evil, know how to give good gifts unto your children, how much more will your heavenly Father give His Holy Spirit to them that ask Him. Trusting in this assurance, we beseech Thee, in the name of Jesus, send Him unto us from Thy high and holy place, and with Him grant us all things that pertain to life and godliness, that so we may be more and more enlightened and be completely delivered from the bondage of corruption, into the glorious liberty of the children of God. O Holy Spirit, vouchsafe unto us Thy presence, and on this solemn day, bestow Thy gifts upon us in abundant measure. Enlighten and inspire with holy zeal, the hearts of all, as Thou didst on the day of Pentecost, our first-born brethren at Jerusalem. Thou Spirit of light! Illumine our hearts, that we may attain to a saving knowledge of Jesus Christ. Glorify Him in us, that we may abide in Him. Thou Spirit of life,

awaken to the life that is of God, all who are spiritually dead; and quicken more and more, all who have been brought from death to life. Thou Spirit of power and grace, help our infirmities when we engage in prayer, when there is need of watchfulness, when spiritual adversaries assail us. Be our shield when temptation is near, when sinful pleasures invite and allure us, and when the law in our members, warring against the law of our mind, threatens to bring us into captivity to the law of sin. O do Thou establish, strengthen and settle us, that we may be more than conquerors, and keep ourselves unspotted from the world. Thou Spirit of love, be gracious unto us, and unite us all in the bonds of Christian concord. Enable us to keep the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace.

O Thou, who art our only sufficient Comforter in every time of need, deliver us from the fear of suffering and of death. Bind up the broken-hearted. Raise up those that are bowed down by sorrows and distresses. When we meet with severe trials, do Thou arm us with patience and with firmness of faith; and when our end is at hand, minister encouragement to our souls, that we may triumph over the terrors of death. Thou Spirit of adoption, so sanctify our bodies and our souls, that we may be temples meet for Thee to dwell in. Grant that, in our hearts and in our lives, we may bring forth the fruit of the Spirit. And make us true followers of Christ, even His peculiar people, who show forth the praises of their Lord, and are worthy to enter upon the glorious Sabbath of the just made perfect, and to join them in

praising Thee, with the Father and the Son,  
for ever and ever. Amen.

## 9. TRINITY SUNDAY.

### *Introit.*

NOTE: *To be used with or without responses.*

*Minister.* Holy, holy, holy, is the Lord  
God of Hosts ;

*Congregation.* The whole earth is full of  
His glory.

*M.* There are three that bear record in  
heaven, the Father, the Word, and the Holy  
Ghost ;

*C.* And these three are one.

*M.* Of Him, and through Him, and to Him  
are all things ;

*C.* To whom be glory, for ever. Amen.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son,

And to the Holy Ghost,

As it was in the beginning, is now and ever  
shall be,

World without end.

Amen.

### *Prayer.*

Almighty, eternal, and most merciful God,  
the Father of our Lord and Saviour Jesus  
Christ, who together with the Son and the  
Holy Ghost didst create and dost preserve  
the heavens and the earth, angels and men,  
and all things that exist, and who of Thine  
infinite goodness and mercy, didst by Thy  
holy word reveal Thyself to the children of  
men, as one eternal God, in three persons,  
co-equal in majesty, power, and glory. O  
God the Father, Son and Holy Ghost, Most  
Holy and ever blessed Trinity, we worship

Thee in true faith, we praise Thee, we acknowledge Thee, we glorify Thee, we give thanks to Thee now and evermore, and by our prayer and pure confession, we would separate ourselves from all who do not acknowledge and worship Thee as the only true and living God, but make unto themselves gods by their own imagination, and dishonor and blaspheme Thy holy name.

O God, the Father everlasting, who from all eternity didst beget Thy Son, and through Him didst make known to us the counsel of our salvation, and hast ordained Him to be the Mediator and Redeemer of the whole human race, we come before Thee with humble hearts, beseeching Thee to have mercy upon us, and to forgive us all our sins. O Lord God of Hosts, lift upon us the light of Thy countenance, and we shall be healed. May it please Thee, O Lord, to gather together a holy Church in all the parts of the world to worship and praise Thy holy name, and to preserve unto Thyself among us also a holy seed. We commend to the care of Thy merciful Providence in these last evil days all temporal governments, beseeching Thee to grant, that by the effectual working of Thy Holy Spirit, they may so rule and govern, that we may lead a quiet and peaceable life in all godliness and honesty.

O God, the everlasting Son, who art the express image of the Father, and the brightness of His glory, who of Thine unspeakable love didst take upon Thee our nature, and didst make an atonement for all our sins, we praise and magnify Thee for all Thy goodness and mercy, and humbly acknowledge, that we can never worthily thank Thee therefor.

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Have mercy upon us, O Lord, and cleanse us from all our sins with Thy most precious blood. Preserve to us Thy holy Word, and the right use of the blessed sacraments. Defend us from all error and false doctrine. Bring to naught the devices of all the enemies of Thy word, who trouble us, that they may have no power over us to lead us in the paths of sin and destruction. Grant protection and deliverance to Thy whole Christian Church on earth; give to all its members steadfastness of faith, patience and comfort in all their trials and distresses, and conduct us safely through this vale of sorrow into the kingdom of Thy glory.

O God, the Holy Ghost, who art sent from the Father and the Son into our hearts to renew them; enlighten us and enkindle within us a true and saving faith. Direct and lead us into Thy truth, and keep us steadfast in the same amidst all the assaults and temptations of the world, even unto the end.

O most merciful and ever faithful God, Father, Son and Holy Ghost, most Holy and ever blessed Trinity, grant us Thy heavenly grace to preserve us in the true Christian faith, to live a godly life and to die a happy death, that after the trials and afflictions of this mortal life, we may enter into the company and fellowship of the holy angels and of the redeemed, and see Thee face to face, and love, and praise, and magnify, and worship Thee, world without end. Amen.

## 10. THE FESTIVAL OF THE REFORMATION.

*Introit.*

NOTE: *To be used with or without responses.*

*Minister.* The Lord our God be with us ;

*Congregation.* As He was with our fathers.

*M.* Do good in Thy good pleasure unto Zion ;

*C.* Build Thou the walls of Jerusalem.

*M.* Thy testimonies are very sure ;

*C.* Holiness becometh Thine house, O Lord, for ever.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son,

And to the Holy Ghost,

As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be,

World without end.

Amen.

*Prayer.*

O Lord our God, Almighty Protector of Thy Holy Church ; from Thee cometh our help, and our salvation. Thou hast made manifest Thy power and faithfulness, and glorified Thy name. Thou hast delivered Thy Church from the power of darkness. Thou hast broken the degrading chains of her bondage. Thou hast opened anew Thy word of life unto the flock of Christ, and gathered together all who thirsted after righteousness, under the banner of the true and saving faith. It was Thy work, and not the work of man. Thanks be to Thee for restoring and preserving Thy church, that we have Thy word in its purity and its power ; and that the sacred ordinances instituted by Christ are administered among us, as established by Him. Thanks be to Thee, that we

are permitted to worship Thee without fear or compulsion, that we know the way to Thee and Thy favor through our Redeemer, as the only Mediator of our salvation; and that we know, that there is now no more need of any sacrifice or merit, of any expiation or atonement in order to obtain peace with Thee, but only of living faith in that redemption which was achieved by Jesus Christ.

Thou good and gracious God! Preserve unto us continually this invaluable blessing, that it may still be enjoyed by our latest posterity. Continue evermore to be the shield and buckler, the sure abode and salvation of Thy church. Enlighten, sanctify and bless her through Thy word and ordinances. Enable her rightly to value the privileges which Thou hast graciously bestowed upon her, that she may hold fast, and faithfully administer the treasure committed to her, and suffer none to spoil her of her crown. Purify her from all offences, and graciously defend her from all schisms and divisions. Vouchsafe at all times to our congregations pious and faithful teachers, who shall proclaim Thy word in its purity and integrity, constrained by the deep convictions of the heart; and accompany their preaching with the powerful influences of Thy Spirit, that it may bring forth blessed fruit in the hearts and lives of Christians. O Lord! grant that we may dwell in Thy regenerated church, as Thy regenerated children, walking worthily of the blessed gospel, and adorning its doctrines by a holy life. Help us to stand fast in the liberty wherewith Christ hath made us free, and never suffer us to become the slaves of



men or of sin. May holiness be the ornament of Thy house for ever, and to the glory of our God may the light shine from the candlestick of every congregation. Father of all men, have mercy upon all! Bestow the blessings for which we are permitted to praise Thee, upon those of our brethren who are still destitute of them. Restrain everywhere, the kingdom of darkness upon earth, and make the light of Thy truth more and more to fill the world. Convert those who hate Thy word, and forgive them, seeing that they know not what they do. Send help to all that suffer tribulation, and oppression and persecution for conscience' sake, and deliver them by Thy mighty arm out of all these troubles. Bless us, and all men, in Christ our Lord with understanding and wisdom, with faith and love, with peace in life, and hope in death. And unto Thee, the Father, with the Son and Holy Spirit be praise, and honor, and adoration, and thanksgiving in the Church, which is in Christ Jesus. Amen.

## 11. DAYS OF THANKSGIVING.

### *Te Deum Laudamus.*

NOTE: *To be said or sung.*

We praise Thee, O God; we acknowledge Thee to be the Lord.

All the earth doth worship Thee, the Father everlasting.

To Thee all angels cry aloud—the heavens and all the powers therein.

To Thee Cherubim and Seraphim continually do cry,

Holy, holy, holy, Lord God of Sabaoth!

Heaven and earth are full of the majesty of Thy glory.

The glorious company of the apostles praise Thee.

The goodly fellowship of the prophets praise Thee.

The noble army of the martyrs praise Thee.

The holy Church throughout the world doth acknowledge Thee ;

The Father of an infinite majesty ;

Thine, adorable, true, and only Son ;

Also the Holy Ghost, the Comforter.

Thou art the King of glory, O Christ.

Thou art the everlasting Son of the Father.

When Thou tookest upon Thee to deliver man, Thou didst humble Thyself to be born of a virgin.

When Thou hadst overcome the sharpness of death, Thou didst open the kingdom of heaven to all believers.

Thou sittest at the right hand of God, in the glory of the Father.

We believe that Thou shalt come to be our Judge.

We therefore pray Thee, help Thy servants, whom Thou hast redeemed with Thy precious blood.

Make them to be numbered with Thy saints, in glory everlasting.

O Lord, save Thy people, and bless Thine heritage.

Govern them and lift them up for ever.

Day by day we magnify Thee ;

And we worship Thy Name ever, world without end.

Vouchsafe, O Lord, to keep us, this day without sin.

O Lord, have mercy upon us, have mercy upon us.

O Lord, let Thy mercy be upon us, as our trust is in Thee.

O Lord, in Thee we have trusted; let us never be confounded. Amen.

NOTE: *On days of thanksgiving, an extempore prayer shall be offered.*

## 12. FOR DAYS OF HUMILIATION.

### *The Litany.*

NOTE: *To be used with or without responses.*

*Minister.* Lord, have mercy upon us.

*Congregation.* Christ, have mercy upon us.

*M.* Lord, have mercy upon us.

*C.* O Christ, hear us.

*M.* O God the Father in heaven,

*C.* Have mercy upon us.

*M.* O God the Son, Redeemer of the world;

*C.* Have mercy upon us.

*M.* O God the Holy Ghost;

*C.* Have mercy upon us.

*M.* Be gracious unto us;

*C.* Spare us, good Lord.

*M.* Be gracious unto us;

*C.* Help us, good Lord.

*M.* From all sin; from all error; from all evil;

*C.* Good Lord, deliver us.

*M.* From the crafts and assaults of the devil; from sudden death, from pestilence and famine; from war and bloodshed; from sedition and rebellion; from storms and tempest; from all calamity by fire and water; and from everlasting death;

*C.* Good Lord, deliver us.

*M.* By Thy holy nativity; by Thine agony and bloody sweat; by Thy cross and passion; by Thy precious death and burial; by Thy glorious resurrection and ascension; in the hour of our death, and in the day of judgment;

*C.* Help us, good Lord.

*M.* We poor sinners do beseech Thee;

*C.* To hear us, O Lord God.

*M.* And that it may please Thee to rule and govern Thy holy Christian Church; to preserve all pastors and ministers of Thy Church in the true knowledge and understanding of Thy word, and in holiness of life; to put an end to all schisms and causes of offence; to restore all such as have erred, and are deceived; to beat down Satan under our feet; to send faithful laborers into Thy harvest; to accompany Thy word with Thy Spirit and grace; and to comfort and help the weak-hearted and distressed;

*C.* We beseech Thee to hear us, good Lord.

*M.* That it may please Thee to give to all nations peace and concord; to preserve our country from discord and contention; to give us the victory over all Thy enemies; to grant to all our rulers wisdom to execute justice, and to maintain truth; and to help all our people to love and fear Thee, and diligently to live after Thy commandments;

*C.* We beseech Thee to hear us, good Lord.

*M.* That it may please Thee to succor, help, and comfort, all who are in danger, necessity, and tribulation; to preserve all women in the perils of childbirth; to strengthen and keep all sick persons, and all

children; to set free all who are innocently imprisoned; to defend and provide for all widows and orphans; and to have mercy upon all men;

*C.* We beseech Thee to hear us, good Lord.

*M.* That it may please Thee to forgive our enemies, persecutors, and slanderers, and to turn their hearts; to give and preserve to our use the fruits of the earth; and graciously to hear our prayers;

*C.* We beseech Thee to hear us, good Lord.

*M.* O Lord Jesus Christ, Son of God;

*C.* We beseech Thee to hear us.

*M.* O Lamb of God, who takest away the sins of the world;

*C.* Have mercy upon us.

*M.* O Lamb of God, who takest away the sins of the world;

*C.* Have mercy upon us.

*M.* O Lamb of God, who takest away the sins of the world;

*C.* Grant us Thy peace.

*M.* O Christ, hear us; Lord have mercy upon us.

*C.* Christ, have mercy upon us.

*M.* Lord, have mercy upon us.

*C.* Amen.

*NOTE:* On days of Humiliation, an extempore prayer shall be offered.



# **THE LITURGY.**

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## **SECTION II.**

### **THE ORDER OF MINISTERIAL ACTS.**





## I.—The Order of Holy Baptism.

### 1. THE BAPTISM OF INFANTS.

*NOTE: Baptism should be administered in the church, in the presence of the congregation; it may, however, when peculiar circumstances demand it, be administered privately. The minister shall enter the names of the parents of the child with the date of its birth and baptism in the church record. At the baptism the following order shall be observed: At the morning service the minister shall, after the Confession, give out a suitable hymn, at the evening service the first hymn should be adapted to the ordinance: The child shall be presented at the font before the last verse is sung, and the minister shall say:*

Dearly beloved, forasmuch as all men are conceived and born in sin, and our Saviour Christ saith, Except a man be born again of water and of the Spirit, he cannot enter into the kingdom of God; I beseech you to call upon God the Father, through our Lord Jesus Christ, that of His goodness and mercy, He would receive this child, by baptism, into the Church of the Redeemer, and make it a living member of the same. Remember that it is your bounden duty to see that it be taught, as soon as it shall be able to learn, what a solemn promise you have made in its name. And that it may know these things the better, you should admonish it to give due heed to the instruction given in the Church, and to all those things which a Christian ought to know and believe to his soul's salvation; and that thus this child may be virtuously brought up to lead a godly and a Christian life; remembering always that baptism doth represent to us our profession,

which is, to follow the example of our Saviour Christ, and to be made like unto Him. For as many of us as have been baptized, have put on Christ, that like as He died for us and rose again, so should we die daily unto sin and rise again unto righteousness.

Let us pray :

Almighty and everlasting God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, we call upon Thee for this child, and beseech Thee to bestow upon it the gift of Thy baptism and Thine everlasting grace by the washing of regeneration: Receive it, O Lord, as Thou hast promised by Thy well-beloved Son, saying: Ask, and it shall be given you, seek and ye shall find, knock and it shall be opened unto you. So give now to us who ask, let us who seek, find; open the gate to us who knock; that this child may enjoy the everlasting benediction of Thy heavenly washing, and may come to the eternal kingdom which Thou hast promised by Christ our Lord. Amen.

*NOTE: Hear the words of the Gospel, written by St. Mark, in the tenth chapter, at the thirteenth verse.*

They brought young children to Jesus, that He should touch them; and His disciples rebuked those that brought them. But when Jesus saw it, He was much displeased, and said unto them, Suffer the little children to come unto me, and forbid them not, for of such is the kingdom of God. Verily I say unto you, Whosoever shall not receive the kingdom of God as a little child, he shall not enter therein. And He took them up in His

arms, put His hands upon them, and blessed them.

*NOTE: Then the minister, laying his right hand on the head of the child, shall pray:*

Our Father, who art in heaven; Hallowed be Thy name; Thy kingdom come; Thy will be done on earth, as it is in heaven; Give us this day our daily bread; And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; And lead us not into temptation; But deliver us from evil; For Thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.

*NOTE: The minister shall then ask the parents or guardians:*

1. Is it your desire that this child shall be baptized in the manner ordained by Jesus Christ, and thus be received into his Church?

If so, answer, Yes.

2. Do you believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth?

And in Jesus Christ His only Son, our Lord; Who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, Born of the Virgin Mary; Suffered under Pontius Pilate, Was crucified, dead, and buried; He descended into hell; The third day He rose again from the dead; He ascended into heaven, And sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; From thence He shall come to judge the quick and the dead?

Do you believe in the Holy Ghost; The holy Christian Church; the Communion of Saints; The forgiveness of sins; The Resurrection of the body; And the life everlasting? Then answer, Yes.

3. Do you promise, by the help of God, to

employ your utmost efforts, by precept, discipline, and example, to bring up this child in the nurture and admonition of the Lord, and to the love and practice of all that is good?

If so, answer, Yes.

*NOTE: He shall then turn to the font and say:*

Baptism is not simply water, but it is the water comprehended in God's command, and connected with God's word.

*NOTE: Then shall the minister ask:*

What shall be the name of the child?

*NOTE: Then shall he baptize with a free application of water, saying:*

N. I baptize thee in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost. Amen.

Let us pray:

Gracious Father in heaven, we render Thee our hearty thanks, that Thou hast permitted us to present this child unto Thee, according to the ordinance of our blessed Saviour: that it has thus been introduced into Thy visible Church, and brought among the number of those, to whom are the promises and the blessings of Thy covenant of grace. Grant, we humbly beseech Thee, that this child may die unto sin, and be made alive unto holiness; that it may be buried with Him by baptism into death; and that, as it has been planted in the likeness of His death, it may be also in the likeness of His resurrection, and in the end inherit with us all, Thine everlasting kingdom, through Jesus Christ, our Lord and Saviour. Amen.

*NOTE: The minister shall then, holding his hand over the child, pronounce the Old Testament benediction.*

The Lord bless thee and keep thee, the Lord make His face to shine upon thee and be gracious unto thee. The Lord lift up His countenance upon thee and give thee peace. Amen.

*NOTE: The services then proceed as usually.*

### PRIVATE BAPTISM

*Shall be performed according to the form given above, the minister commencing the sacred act by saying:*

Grace be unto you and peace from God our Father, and from our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ and from the Holy Ghost. Amen.



## II.—The Baptism of Adults.

*NOTE: Adult Baptism shall, except in cases of sickness, always be performed in the Church. The candidate having presented himself, the minister standing at the altar shall say:*

In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost. Amen.

Dearly beloved, we learn from the word of God and from the testimony of our own lives, that all men are conceived and born in sin, and that we must all assuredly perish, except our blessed Lord and Saviour, the only begotten Son of God, deliver us from our sins and guilt. Inasmuch as this person, who now desires to be baptized is of like sinful and depraved nature, and our Lord Jesus Christ has borne in His own body the sins

of the whole world, and has redeemed and delivered us from death and from everlasting damnation ; I beseech you to call upon God, through our Lord Jesus Christ, that of His goodness and mercy He would receive this person, truly repenting and coming unto Him by faith, into the kingdom of His grace, and bestow upon him (*her*) everlasting life ; confidently believing, that He will accept your offering and intercession of love, and will assuredly hear your prayer.

Let us pray :

Almighty and everlasting God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the aid of all who need, the helper of all who flee to Thee for succor, the life of those who believe, and the resurrection of the dead ; we call upon Thee for this person, who desires the gift of Thy baptism, and Thine everlasting grace. Receive him (*her*) O Lord, as Thou hast promised by Thy well-beloved Son, saying : Ask and it shall be given you ; seek and you shall find ; knock and it shall be opened unto you. So give now to him who asks ; let him who seeks find ; open the gate unto him who knocks, that this person may enjoy the everlasting benediction of Thy heavenly washing, and may come to the eternal kingdom, which Thou hast promised by Christ our Lord. Amen.

NOTE: *Then shall the minister say :*

Hear the words of our Lord: Matthew xxviii. 18-20.

All power is given unto me in heaven and in earth. Go ye therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the

name of the Father, and of the Son and of the Holy Ghost; teaching them to observe all things, whatsoever I have commanded you; and lo I am with you always, even unto the end of the world.

In like manner he says: (Mark xvi. 16,) He that believeth and is baptized shall be saved; but he that believeth not shall be damned.

In accordance with this command of our Lord Jesus, this person has been instructed in the saving doctrines of the Gospel, and now desires, by holy baptism, to be incorporated into the Church of Christ. Forasmuch then as we do not doubt that it is right that his desire should be granted;

Let us pray:

Our Father, who art in heaven; Hallowed be Thy name; Thy kingdom come; Thy will be done on earth, as it is in heaven; Give us this day our daily bread; And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; And lead us not into temptation; But deliver us from evil; For Thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.

*NOTE: Then shall the minister say to the person to be baptized:*

The Lord preserve thy going out and thy coming in, from this time forth, and even for evermore.

*NOTE: The minister shall then ask;*

Do you receive the religion of Jesus Christ, as it is contained in the sacred Scriptures of the New Testament?

If so answer, Yes,

2. Do you believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth? And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord; Who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, Born of the Virgin Mary; Suffered under Pontius Pilate; Was crucified, dead, and buried; He descended into hell; The third day he arose from the dead; He ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; From thence He shall come to judge the quick and the dead? Do you believe in the Holy Ghost; The Holy Christian Church; The communion of Saints; The forgiveness of sins; The Resurrection of the body; And the life everlasting?

Then answer, Yes.

3. Will you endeavor with the aid of the Holy Spirit to adorn your profession by a walk and conversation, conformable to the precepts of the Gospel and the example of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ?

Answer, Yes.

4. Do you sincerely desire to be baptized and to make your covenant with God?

Answer, Yes.

*NOTE: The minister shall then say:*

O Lord God, Father, Son and Holy Ghost; Thou hearest the solemn vows of this Thy servant (*handmaid*). Receive him into the covenant of Thy grace, and let him have part in all the benefits secured to us through Jesus Christ our Lord.

*NOTE: The minister shall then turn to the font and say:*

Baptism is not simply water, but it is the water comprehended in God's command, and connected with God's word.



*NOTE: Then shall the person to be baptized kneel down, and the minister shall baptize him, saying :*

N. I baptize thee in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost.

*NOTE: Then laying his hand upon his head, he shall say :*

Almighty God, the Father of our Lord Jesus, strengthen and keep thee by His grace unto life eternal. Peace be with thee. Amen.

Let us pray :

Almighty and most merciful God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who hath taught us by His own conduct to fulfill all righteousness; we offer to Thee our thankful acknowledgements that this Thy servant (*handmaid*) has now been engrafted into the body of Christ's Church, and been made a partaker of those heavenly blessings which we have received through our great Mediator. We do most humbly beseech Thee, that Thou wouldst keep him (*her*) and all of us, who have been baptized, in steadfast continuance in Thy grace, so that here on earth we may lead truly godly lives, according to Thy good pleasure, and to the praise and glory of Thy holy name, and in the end may receive the promised inheritance in heaven through Jesus Christ our Lord, who ever liveth and reigneth with Thee and the Holy Ghost, world without end. Amen.

*NOTE: The person baptized now standing up, the minister shall give him the right hand of fellowship, and say :*

Upon the voluntary profession and promises, which you have now made, I hereby acknowledge and declare you to be a member

of this Christian congregation, and give you, in its name, the right hand of Christian fellowship and love, and authorize you to join with us in the celebration of the Lord's Supper, and to participate in all our spiritual privileges, so long as you remain faithful to your present profession and promises.

Go in peace.



### III.—The Order of Confirmation.

*NOTE: Confirmation should take place in the Church, in the presence of the congregation. Only when by reason of sickness, or other causes, this is impossible, can it be administered privately. The service shall commence with the singing of two or more verses of a suitable hymn, during which the candidates for confirmation shall present themselves at the altar. The minister, standing at the altar, shall then say, with or without responses:*

The Lord be with you!

*Congregation.* And with thy spirit!

*M.* Let the beauty of the Lord our God be upon us; and establish Thou the work of our hands upon us!

*C.* Yea the work of our hands establish Thou it.

*NOTE: The minister shall then say:*

Dearly beloved in the Lord! You see here present those who in holy baptism were received by our Lord Jesus Christ and made members of His holy Church. In accordance with our Lord's command, they have been instructed in the word of God, and led to the knowledge of His will, and of His gracious Gospel; and they now desire to be confirmed.

It is their hearty wish to be admitted to the enjoyment of all those blessings which the Lord bestows upon His Church, and by partaking of His Holy Supper to be brought into the most intimate union with our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. They desire publicly to confess their Christian faith, and for themselves to renew and ratify the promises made in baptism. Let us therefore beseech Almighty God, our heavenly Father, in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that He would confirm them, so strengthening them by the grace of His Holy Spirit, that they may be kept in the true faith, and in purity and holiness of life, steadfast unto the end.

Let us pray :

O Lord God, most merciful Father, who dost receive us into Thy kingdom, and dost esteem our souls precious in Thy sight, we beseech Thee of Thy great goodness, that Thou wouldst by Thy Holy Spirit, so bless and govern these persons, that they may make a good confession of Thy name; that they may ever live in the communion of Thy Church, in true faith and obedience to Thy Gospel, and that they may continue steadfast in the covenant of Thy grace to the end, through Jesus Christ Thy dear Son our Lord. Amen.

*NOTE: The minister shall then ask :*

1. I ask you in the presence of the Omniscent God and of this congregation :

Is it your sincere purpose now solemnly to ratify your baptismal covenant, and to renounce the dominion of the devil, of the world, and of sin? Then answer, Yes.

2. Do you believe in the triune God, Father, Son and Holy Ghost; and are you resolved to live in fellowship with Him, and to attain to the blessed liberty of the true followers of Christ?

Then answer, Yes.

3. Do you solemnly promise, that you will supremely love and faithfully serve the triune God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, and that you will live, suffer and die, according to His will and word?

Then answer, Yes.

4. Will you remain faithful to the doctrines of our Lord Jesus, according to the Confession of our Evangelical Lutheran Church, and will you render a conscientious obedience thereto until death?

Then answer, Yes.

5. Do you promise, with the help of God, to observe all the duties of a regular member of this Christian Church, and submit yourself to its rules of government and discipline?

Then answer, Yes.

*NOTE: The candidates shall then kneel and the minister laying his right hand on the head of each, shall say one of the following sentences:*

Thou Shepherd and Bishop of souls! Look in mercy upon this Thy servant, (*handmaid*) and let him (*her*) never be plucked out of Thy hand; keep him (*her*) in Thy fold unto the end of his days, according to Thy gracious promise. Amen.

*Or,*

The Father of mercies and the God of all consolation, grant you, for Christ's sake, His Holy Spirit, guidance and strength to do His holy will, patience and courage in time of

suffering, and the blessed hope of everlasting life. Amen.

*Or,*

The God of all grace, who hath called you unto His eternal glory by Christ Jesus, make you perfect, stablish, strengthen, settle you, and keep you through faith unto life everlasting. Amen.

*Or,*

The very God of peace sanctify you wholly, that your whole spirit, and soul, and body, may be preserved blameless unto the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. Amen.

*Or,*

May Almighty God, the Father of mercies, ever multiply unto you His grace and peace. May He enable you, by His Holy Spirit, to become true followers of His Son; defend you in every time of danger; preserve you faithful unto the end; and bring you to the happiness of this heavenly kingdom. Amen.

*Or,*

Our heavenly Father increase and confirm within you, for Jesus Christ's sake, the gifts of His Holy Spirit; that so you may grow in faith, and in the power of godliness, in patience under suffering, and in the blessed hope of everlasting life. Amen.

*Or,*

May God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, give unto you His Holy Spirit, to guide you into all truth, to defend you against all temptations, to strengthen you in every good work, and to bring you at last unto His eternal joy. Amen.

*Or,*

Our Lord Jesus Christ, and God, even our Father, which hath loved us, and hath given

us everlasting consolation, and good hope through grace, comfort and strengthen your heart to be faithful unto death, that you may receive the crown of life. Amen.

*Or,*

The God of peace make you perfect in every good work, to do His will, working in you that which is well-pleasing in His sight, through Jesus Christ; to whom be glory for ever and ever. Amen.

*Or,*

Grace be unto you, that you may fight the good fight of faith, and lay hold on eternal life, whereunto thou art also called, and hast professed a good profession before many witnesses. Amen.

*Or,*

The love of Christ so constrain you that you may live henceforth not unto yourself, but unto Him which died for you and rose again. Amen.

*Or,*

May you receive the Holy Spirit, to protect and defend you against all evil, to strengthen and help you unto all good, that you may glorify God in your body, and in your spirit, which are God's. Amen.

Let us pray :

Almighty and most merciful God, Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, of whom the whole family in heaven and earth is named; Thou hast graciously permitted us to witness a solemn renewal of the covenant with Thee. Thy Church would render praise to Thee for this Thy mercy, and with one voice would say: O give thanks unto the Lord, for He is good, for His mercy endureth for ever. For

the mountains shall depart, and the hills be removed, but my kindness shall not depart from Thee, neither shall the covenant of my peace be removed: thus hast Thou spoken, O Lord, our Redeemer.

We would now with one accord beseech Thee, that Thou wouldst keep these Thy young servants, who have here renewed their baptismal covenant, as living members of Christ Jesus, steadfast in the true faith, and in obedience unto Thy holy Gospel. Strengthen them by Thy Spirit, that neither false doctrine, fleshly lusts, nor the vanities of the world, may lead them astray from that truth which this day they have solemnly confessed. Grant them grace that they may grow up into Him in all things, which is the Head, even Christ; and evermore increase in wisdom, holiness, and righteousness, which is well-pleasing in Thy sight. May they abide in Thy love, and their whole life be a true confession of Thy name, to their own everlasting salvation, and to the joy of their friends, to the building up of Thy Church, and to the praise of Thy glorious grace. May they now go forth in the peace of Christ, and in the joy of the Holy Ghost, being blessed of Thee, Lord, who hast made the heavens and the earth, and who hast reconciled heaven and earth.

Lord Jesus Christ, true Shepherd and Bishop of our souls, who for the redemption of Thy people, livest and reignest to all eternity; sanctify us all by Thy grace. May we all to-day renew our vows of everlasting fidelity to Thee our Lord and our Redeemer. Give us might and strength to fight a good fight, to finish our course, to keep the faith,

that there may be laid up for us the crown of righteousness, which Thou hast promised unto all them that love Thy appearing. Let Thy Spirit, and Thy peace be upon us and upon our children.

We now commend ourselves to the fullness of Thy grace, O Lord, our God, Father, Son and Holy Ghost, who art able to do exceeding abundantly above all that we ask, or think—unto Thee be adoration, and praise, and thanksgiving, in the Church, by Christ Jesus, throughout all ages, world without end. Amen.

*NOTE: All then rising, the minister shall give to each the right hand of fellowship, saying:*

Upon the voluntary profession and promises, which you have made, I hereby acknowledge and declare you to be a member of this Christian congregation, and give you, in its name, the right hand of Christian fellowship and love, and authorize you to join with us in the celebration of the Lord's Supper, and to participate in all our spiritual privileges, so long as you remain faithful to your present profession and promises. Go in peace.

*NOTE: Then shall be sung a suitable hymn, after which the services shall proceed as usually. If the service preparatory to the Lord's Supper is held in connection with confirmation, the former should follow immediately upon the latter.*



## IV.—The Order of Holy Communion.

## 1. THE ORDER OF CONFESSION.

*Preparatory to the Celebration of the Lord's Supper.*

**NOTE:** *The Lord's Supper should be administered under ordinary circumstances, at least four times a year; at Christmas, on Easter Sunday, Whitsunday, and on a Sunday between Whitsunday and Christmas. The pastor should give timely notice from the pulpit of the intended celebration. Those who intend to commune may report their names to the pastor after the notice has been given, and all who have failed to do this should be required to do it at the time of holding the preparatory service, that the pastor and council may know if any member neglects the Holy Communion.*

*The names of the communicants should be recorded in the church book. Immediately after the names have been taken down, the elders of the Church shall examine the list, and if any suspended or expelled members shall have handed in their names, they shall be directed not to approach the sacred board until restored to their standing in the Church.*

*On the day preceding the communion this service should be held, and all the members should endeavor to be present, even if it requires considerable effort and self-denial on their part.*

*After either a sermon or an address, urging careful self-examination and humble and heartfelt confession has been delivered, and a hymn sung, the minister, standing at the altar, shall say:*

Dearly Beloved! I ask you, before the Omniscient God, and upon the evidence of your own conscience:

1. Whether you are truly sensible, and with contrite hearts acknowledge and lament, not only that you are by nature sinners, but that you have in various ways, by the omission of duty, and by sinful thoughts, desires, words, and actions, grieved and offended the Lord your God and Saviour, and that you have deserved that He should banish you

from His presence, and condemn you to everlasting punishment?

If this be your sincere conviction, confess it by saying, Yes.

2. I ask you, whether you truly believe that Jesus Christ has come into the world to save sinners, and that all who believe in His name do receive the forgiveness of their sins? Is it, therefore, your fervent desire to be delivered from your sins and guilt; and are you persuaded that our heavenly Father is willing, for Jesus Christ's sake, to be gracious unto you, to forgive you all your sins, to cleanse you from all unrighteousness, and to sanctify you to Himself?

If this be your sincere belief, confess it by saying, Yes.

3. I ask you, whether you are fully resolved henceforth to submit yourselves to the gracious direction of the Holy Spirit, so that you may evermore strive to hate and forsake all manner of evil, to walk circumspectly before God, and daily to grow in holiness of heart and life?

If this be your serious purpose, confess it in the presence of God and each other by saying, Yes. Let us devoutly kneeling make this confession in prayer.

Almighty and most merciful Father, we confess unto Thee that we have often and grievously sinned in thy sight. We have offended against Thee, not only by numerous outward acts of transgression, but by the secret thoughts, affections, and desires of our corrupt hearts, all which are indeed naked and open in Thy sight, but which we cannot fully understand or confess unto Thee. It is with sincere sorrow and heartfelt repentance,

that we acknowledge these our manifold transgressions. We fervently desire the blessedness of those whose sins are forgiven and whose transgressions are covered, and long for those consolations which are promised unto them that mourn. It is our solemn purpose to amend our sinful lives, and to live more godly, righteously, and soberly than we have hitherto done. We beseech Thee, O Lord, to enable us through the assistance of Thy Holy Spirit, to carry this resolution into effect. And especially prepare us now, we entreat Thee, for the worthy celebration of the Lord's Supper, so that, engaging in that sacred ordinance, hungering after that bread that perisheth not, and thirsting for the waters of life, we may receive from Thy fullness, grace for grace, be strengthened in our faith, and enabled to love Thee more and to serve Thee better, making manifest the sincerity of our profession of faith and love toward Thee, by the active charity which we exhibit toward our brethren of mankind.

Lord God, our Father in heaven, have mercy upon us; Lord God, Redeemer of the world, have mercy upon us; Lord God, Holy Spirit, have mercy upon us and give us Thy peace. Amen.

*NOTE: The minister shall then say:*

Upon the confession which you have now made, I, by virtue of my office, as a minister of Jesus Christ, declare to all who do truly repent and heartily believe, and are sincerely resolved by the assistance of the Holy Spirit henceforth to amend your ways, and to lead a godly and pious life, the forgiveness of your

sins in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost.

But, on the other hand, on the authority of the word of God, and in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord, I declare to all who are impenitent, the hypocritical as well as the openly wicked, that so long as you continue in your impenitence, God will not forgive you your sins, but will retain them against you, and will assuredly punish you for your iniquities in the end, except you repent before your day of grace be ended, except you sincerely renounce and forsake your evil ways and come to Christ in true penitence and faith, which we fervently pray you may do ere it be too late.

May God have mercy upon every one of us, pardon and deliver us from all our sins, confirm and strengthen us in all goodness, and finally bring us to everlasting life, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

*NOTE: The service is then concluded by the singing of a hymn and the benediction.*

## 2. THE HOLY COMMUNION.

*NOTE: The minister standing at the altar may say, with or without responses:*

The Lord be with you.

*Congregation.* And with thy spirit.

*M.* Lift up your hearts.

*C.* We lift them up unto the Lord.

*M.* Let us give thanks unto our Lord God.

*C.* It is meet and right so to do.

*NOTE: Then shall the minister say:*

It is truly meet, right and salutary, that we should at all times and in all places give

thanks unto Thee, O Lord, Holy Father, Almighty, everlasting God, through Jesus Christ Thy dear Son our Lord and Saviour. Therefore with angels and archangels, and with all the company of heaven, we laud and magnify Thy glorious name, evermore praising Thee, and saying :

*NOTE: Here shall the minister and congregation say or sing :*

*The Sanctus.*

Holy, holy, holy, Lord God of Sabaoth ;  
Heaven and earth are full of Thy glory,  
Hosanna in the highest !

Blessed is He that cometh in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest !

*NOTE: The minister shall then say :*

Dearly Beloved ! We are assembled to partake of that holy supper which our Lord Jesus Christ instituted shortly before His passion, and we should seriously consider, whether we have attained that reverent and devout frame of mind, and those exalted views of the nature and design of this sacred ordinance, which are requisite to our partaking thereof to our comfort and edification. The Apostle Paul exhorts : " Let a man examine himself, and so let him eat of that bread and drink of that cup." For this holy Sacrament is instituted as a special means to strengthen and comfort the troubled consciences of those who confess their sins, and who hunger and thirst after righteousness.

We are to partake of this Feast of love, heartily and firmly trusting in the all-sufficient sacrifice of Christ on our behalf, as the

only ground of our hope of pardon and salvation; for by His suffering and death He hath atoned for all our sins and obtained for us eternal life. Hence, if we, by partaking of this Feast, declare that we have embraced Him by faith as our Redeemer, and entered into covenant-relations with Him as the Shepherd and Bishop of our souls, He, in return, gives us therein a pledge, that if we remain faithful to Him, He will never leave us nor forsake us. As certainly, therefore, as the truly penitent and believing communicant eat of this bread, and drink of this cup, so certainly he receives the seal of his acceptance with God; an assurance that his life is hid with Christ in God.

I exhort you, therefore, in the name of the Lord Jesus, to come to this Holy Sacrament with a deep sense of your unworthiness, confessing your sins, and acknowledging your entire dependence upon the mercy of God for salvation. I beseech you also to draw near to this table, with full confidence in that blessed Redeemer, who has declared, "My body is broken, my blood is shed, for the remission of your sins."

*NOTE: The minister shall then say:*

In conformity to the command and example of our Divine Lord and Master, we now proceed to consecrate these elements.

Our Father who art in heaven; Hallowed be Thy name; Thy kingdom come; Thy will be done on earth, as it is in heaven; Give us this day our daily bread; And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive them that trespass against us; And lead us not into temptation; But deliver us from evil;

For Thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.

Our Lord Jesus Christ, in the night in which He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He brake it, and gave it to His disciples, saying, Take, eat; this is my body, which is given for you, this do in remembrance of me.

After the same manner, He also took the cup, when He had supped, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying, Drink ye all of it; this cup is the New Testament in my blood, which is shed for you and for many, for the remission of sins; this do, as oft as ye drink it in remembrance of me.

NOTE: *Then shall the minister say:*

All who sincerely repent of their sins, who confess Jesus before men, who desire to meet Him at His table, and who are earnestly endeavoring to make their calling and election sure, are invited to draw near with faith and love, and partake of the holy sacrament. This invitation is cordially extended not only to all visiting disciples of our own communion, but also to all who are members in good standing of other Christian churches. In the name of Jesus Christ I say to all who truly love Him, ye are welcome to this feast of love. We are all one in Christ.

NOTE: *Then shall be sung the Agnus Dei or some other sacramental hymn, after which the distribution shall begin without the distinction of male and female.*

### *The Agnus Dei.*

O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world, have mercy upon us!

O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world, have mercy upon us!

O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world, grant us Thy peace. Amen.

NOTE: *When the minister gives the bread, he shall say:*

Jesus saith, Take, eat; this is my body, which is given for you; this do, in remembrance of me.

NOTE: *When he gives the cup, he shall say.*

Jesus saith, This cup is the New Testament in my blood, which is shed for you, and for many, for the remission of sins.

NOTE: *When all have communed the minister shall place upon the altar what remains of the consecrated elements, covering the same.*

*Then may be said or sung, the congregation standing, the Nunc Dimittis, or a suitable hymn.*

### *The Nunc Dimittis.*

Lord now lettest Thou Thy servant depart in peace, according to Thy word.

For mine eyes have seen Thy salvation, which Thou hast prepared before the face of all people;

A light to lighten the Gentiles, and the glory of Thy people Israel.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son,  
And to the Holy Ghost,

As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be,

World without end.

Amen.



NOTE *Then shall be said with or without responses,*

*The Thanksgiving.*

*Minister.* O give thanks unto the Lord, for He is good.

*Congregation.* And His mercy endureth for ever.

*M.* Almighty God, our heavenly Father, we most heartily thank Thee that Thou hast again vouchsafed to feed us with the most precious body of Thy dear Son, our Saviour Jesus Christ; and we humbly beseech Thee, graciously to strengthen us, through this holy sacrament, in faith toward Thee, in charity toward one another, and in the blessed hope of everlasting life, through Jesus Christ, Thy dear Son, our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with Thee in the unity of the Holy Spirit, world without end.

*C.* Amen, amen.

*M.* Blessed be the name of the Lord.

*C.* From now, henceforth and for ever.

NOTE: *The minister shall then pronounce the benediction.*

### 3. THE COMMUNION OF THE SICK.

NOTE: *There ought always to be one or more uniting with the invalid or afflicted in partaking of the sacrament. The consecration service must be used, but the length of the service is to be regulated by the condition of the communicant.*



### V.—The Order of Marriage.

In the name of God the Father, and the Son, and the Holy Spirit.

Dearly beloved! Forasmuch as marriage was instituted by God Himself, and is honor-

able in all, it becomes those who would enter into this estate duly to weigh what the Scripture saith concerning it.

“The Lord God said, It is not good that the man should be alone; I will make a help meet for him. Therefore shall a man leave his father and his mother, and shall cleave unto his wife; and they shall be one flesh.”

“Husbands, love your wives, even as Christ also loved the Church, and gave Himself for it. So ought men to love their wives as their own bodies; he that loveth his wife loveth himself. For no man ever yet hated his own flesh; but nourisheth and cherisheth it, even as the Lord the Church. Wives, submit yourselves unto your own husbands, as unto the Lord. For the husband is the head of the wife, even as Christ is the Head of the Church. Therefore, as the Church is subject unto Christ, so let the wives be to their own husbands in every thing.”

But you should also remember, that by reason of our manifold sins, God has appointed that those who enter into this estate should also bear the cross. You cannot therefore expect always to enjoy prosperity; days of adversity will also come; but if you fear God and keep His commandments, He will not forsake you. He will strengthen and keep you in every time of need, and comfort you in all your sorrows.

I exhort you diligently to consider the same, and to strive to conform your lives thereto.

As no impediments have been shown, why you may not be lawfully joined together in matrimony, I ask you, in the presence of God, and of these witnesses,

N. Do you take this woman to be your wedded wife, to live together after God's ordinance in the holy estate of matrimony? Will you love her, comfort her, honor and keep her, as a faithful Christian husband is bound to do, in health and in sickness, in prosperity and in adversity; and forsaking all others, keep you only unto her, so long as you both shall live?

Answer, Yes.

N. Do you take this man to be your wedded husband, to live together after God's ordinance in the holy estate of matrimony? Will you love him, comfort him, honor and keep him, as a faithful Christian wife is bound to do, in health and in sickness, in prosperity and in adversity; and forsaking all others, keep you only unto him, so long as you both shall live?

Answer, Yes.

*NOTE: If the ring or rings are used, the minister directing it to be now done, shall say:*

The ring is an emblem of eternity. Eternal and indissoluble be the bond of your love.

*NOTE: The minister shall then say:*

Join your right hands.

Forasmuch as N. and N. have mutually consented to live together in holy wedlock, and have witnessed the same before God and this company, I as a minister of Jesus Christ pronounce them man and wife, in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost, and what God hath joined together, let no man put asunder.

Let us pray.

O Eternal God, the Creator and Preserver

of all mankind, the Giver of all spiritual grace, the Author of everlasting life, we would acknowledge Thee in all our ways, and devoutly implore Thy direction and blessing. We adore Thee as the source of our benevolent affections, and of all our social satisfactions and comforts. We praise Thee, that Thou hast ordained for us domestic institutions. And we beseech Thee to behold with Thy favor and to bless these Thy servants, who have now entered into the closest and tenderest of all earthly connections. Help them to fulfill with fidelity the vow and covenant which they have made in Thy presence; that the relation, in which they stand to each other, may not be to them a state of temptation and sorrow, but of holiness, joy, and perfect indissoluble friendship. Give them grace to overlook each other's infirmities, to cherish a due regard for each other's opinions and feelings, to be just to each other's virtues and good intentions, to improve each other's understanding and heart, and to travel together hand in hand the road which leads to heaven and Thee. Enable them by persevering affection, by a worthy deportment, and by united devotions, to soften to each other the unavoidable cares of life, to alleviate its sorrows, to increase its innocent enjoyments, and to edify their friends and all around them. And having been pious, virtuous, and happy in their connection here on earth, may they be at last united in the realms of everlasting love and bliss, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

NOTE: *If the marriage takes place in Church, the ceremony should begin and close with the singing of an anthem or hymn.*

## VI.—The Order for the Installation of the Church Council.

NOTE: *The officers elected shall present themselves before the altar, and the minister shall say :*

Dear Brethren ! You have been duly elected by the members of this church as its officers. As your brethren have thus shown that they confide in your readiness to discharge with fidelity the offices to which you have been chosen, I now invite your attention to a brief statement of your official duties.

1. *The Duties of an Elder are these :*

He shall set before the church a truly Christian example.

He shall take care that evangelical doctrine and Christian discipline are maintained in the church.

He shall visit the schools of the church from time to time, and see that good order is observed in them, and that the children are properly instructed.

When discord and controversies arise, he shall endeavor, as far as possible, to reconcile the parties concerned, and to restore peace.

If the Pastor desire it, he shall accompany him on his visits to the sick.

In the absence of the Pastor, he shall conduct public worship.

2. *The Duties of a Deacon are these :*

He shall set before the church a truly Christian example.

He shall render all necessary aid in the services of the sanctuary, and especially for the preparation of the Lord's Supper.

He shall take up all collections in the church.

It shall be his duty to see, that in accordance with Christ's command, the minister of the church be properly supported, and that all things connected with the public worship of God, be done decently and in order, and that the poor of the church are properly cared for.

*NOTE: The minister shall then say:*

You have thus heard, my brethren, what are the duties that pertain to your respective offices. In order that the congregation may be assured of your willingness to perform them to the best of your ability, you will now in the presence of God and each other make known this your willingness by saying, Yes.

Let us pray.

Lord Jesus Christ, who art the chief Shepherd and Bishop of the flock which Thou hast purchased with Thy blood, we thank Thee that Thou continuest to dispose men to labor in Thy church, and faithfully to provide for its temporal and spiritual welfare. Blessed Saviour, vouchsafe Thy grace and favor to these brethren. Enlighten and guide them by Thy Holy Spirit, that they may know Thy will, and that their services to Thy church may redound to its good and to Thy praise. Fill their hearts with love to Thee, to Thy word, and to their brethren whom they are to benefit by their example, counsel and active services; so that ever seeking help from Thee in faith, they may with alacrity and cheerfulness, discharge their duties. Hear, O Lord, and answer our

prayers, for the sake of that love wherewith Thou lovest us. Amen.

NOTE: *The minister giving his right hand to each, shall say :*

May the Lord direct and assist you by His Holy Spirit ; may He counsel and strengthen you in all your undertakings, and encourage you to labor diligently for the prosperity of this church, and to fulfill with fidelity your respective duties. Depart in peace, and may the God of peace bless you. Amen.



## VII.—The Order for the Installation of a Minister.

NOTE: *If the minister who is to be installed preaches on the occasion, the installation should precede the sermon. But if the President of the Ministerium, or another minister appointed by him preaches, the installation should follow the sermon. The officiating minister shall begin with the regular Sunday morning service, proceeding as far as the reading of the Scriptural Lessons, when he shall say the Collect here following :*

Let us pray.

Most merciful God, our heavenly Father, who hast commanded us by His Son Jesus Christ our Lord, that we should pray Thee to send forth laborers into Thy harvest ; we earnestly beseech Thee to send to us continually true teachers and ministers of Thy word, and so enlighten their minds with the knowledge of Thy truth, that they may faithfully make known Thy whole counsel ; that we being admonished, enlightened, nourished, comforted, and strengthened by Thy heavenly and everlasting word, may in this present

world do those things which please Thee, and finally come to the enjoyment of eternal life, through Jesus Christ, Thy Son, our Lord. Amen.

*NOTE: Then shall the following Scripture Lessons be read instead of the Epistle and Gospel for the day: 1 Timothy iii. 1; vi. 7; vi. 3, 21; Acts xx. 28, 31; John xx. 21, 23. If the minister installed preaches, now, if not, at the close of the sermon, the officiating minister standing at the altar shall say:*

In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost. Amen.

Beloved brethren, members of this Christian Church: We have been duly authorized to install as your pastor and teacher, N. N., our esteemed brother and fellow-laborer in the service of our Lord Jesus Christ. Although we do not doubt that the congregation have fully concurred in his election, it becomes us nevertheless to pay due regard to church order. Therefore, before we proceed to this Installation, we desire to be duly certified by the congregation, through its council, that you have chosen this brother to be your pastor.

*NOTE: This may now be done according to previous arrangement, either by the delivery to the officiating minister of a written call, or by the oral declaration of one or more of the Church council appointed for this purpose. Then shall the officiating minister say:*

We now proceed with pleasure to discharge the duty entrusted to us, and request our brother to present himself before the altar.

*NOTE: The minister to be installed now presents himself before the altar; he should be accompanied by the members of the Church council:*

Receive then, dear brother, the holy office to which you have been duly chosen. Re-



ceive it with its privileges and its responsibilities. We all entertain the confident hope that you will discharge its duties with conscientious fidelity, in the sight of God and of men. While you seek to become all things to all men, you will make it the great aim of your labors to promote true and vital godliness, and to win souls to Christ. You will regard with special interest the lambs of your flock, taking care that they are early instructed in the doctrines of the Gospel, that they may be the planting of the Lord, and flourish in the courts of our God, and thus not only attain their own salvation, but become a blessing to the Church.

You have already in your secret prayer vowed unto God to perform all these duties; and you will now announce this your purpose to the congregation about to be committed to your charge.

I therefore ask you, before the omnipresent God, the searcher of all hearts, at the sacred altar of our Lord Jesus Christ, and in the presence of this Christian congregation; are you firmly and earnestly resolved to fulfill all the duties of your holy office with conscientious fidelity; will you order all your instructions according to the word of God in holy Scripture, and the Confessions of our Evangelical Lutheran Church founded on the same, and by your life and conversation show yourself a true minister of our Lord Jesus Christ? If this be your serious purpose, announce it by saying:

Answer. Yes, by the help of God!

NOTE: *Then shall the officiating minister say:*

The Lord who hath heard your promise,

grant unto you strength and power to perform the same. May He at all times enlighten you by His Spirit, comfort you with His peace, and crown your labors in His name with abundant success.

*NOTE: The officiating minister, then turning to the congregation, shall say:*

Dear brethren, receive your pastor with that respect and love to which he is justly entitled. You have yourselves chosen him as your pastor; and without your respect and love, he cannot prosecute the work of the Lord with success. Be mindful of the admonition of the apostle: "Obey them that have the rule over you, and submit yourselves: for they watch for your souls, as they that must give account: that they may do it with joy and not with grief: for that is unprofitable for you." Receive him then with fixed purpose to do everything in your power to cause him, even in eternity, to bless the day that brought him among you. Do not forget his temporal necessities, but administer liberally and cheerfully to his wants according as God has prospered you. Duly regard his labors in your behalf, and esteem him very highly in love for his work's sake, and be peaceably minded toward him, aiding and comforting him in his conflicts by your prayers. Happy the congregation that rightly estimates the services of a faithful godly minister; and happy the minister upon whom the Lord hath bestowed the privilege of laboring in such a congregation. Let us now entreat the Lord, that the connection which has this day been formed, may be thus happy and blessed, to pastor and congregation.

*Prayer.*

Almighty and everlasting Father, Thou hast established a kingdom for Thyself upon the earth. Thou hast founded for Thyself, in Thy Son Jesus, a holy Church, against which the gates of hell cannot prevail. It is Thy gracious will that from this blessed institution, salvation to the souls of men shall go forth unto the end of days. Praise and adoration be unto Thee, the Father of mercies, for this manifestation of Thy goodness and grace.

We render praise and thanksgiving to Thee. Glory be to Thee for all the blessings which the preaching of Thy Gospel in these Thy courts, hath brought to immortal souls. And peace be with all who have labored in Thy service within this congregation, and been faithful in their labors.

Our Father in Christ, Thou dost this day send another laborer into this Thy harvest field. Thou dost command him to spread Thy heavenly light, to invite men to Thy heavenly consolations; in Christ's stead to beseech those whom He has redeemed: "Be ye reconciled unto God." Look down in mercy upon him, that he may fulfill his holy office here to the praise of Thy glorious name. Replenish him with all those Thy gifts which are requisite to the faithful and successful execution of his office. Support him in all his endeavors by Thy mighty power, and crown his sincere efforts with blessed success. Give him strength to be faithful to his high calling, even amid difficulties and opposition. And when at last his work on earth is ended, may he as a

faithful servant enter into the joy of his Lord.

O Lord, bless this congregation. Bless the officers and all the members of the Church. Preserve Thine altar perpetually in their midst, and ever keep alive upon it Thy holy fire. May Thy word and sacraments be continued to them in their purity, and the peaceful kingdom of Thy Son so flourish and prosper, that all who worship Thee in this place may in the end find their names written in the Lamb's book of life.

O Lord our God, who doest more than we can ask or think, fill us all with Thy grace. O Thou God of peace, sanctify us wholly, that our whole spirit and soul and body may be preserved blameless unto the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. Amen.

*NOTE: A hymn shall now be sung, after which the newly installed pastor, kneeling with his face to the altar, shall say:*

Create in me a clean heart, O God; and renew a right spirit within me.

*NOTE: Then arising and turning to the congregation, he shall say:*

The Lord be with you.

*NOTE: The congregation may answer:*

And with thy spirit.

*NOTE: The minister shall say:*

Let us pray:

Most merciful God, our heavenly Father, give, we beseech Thee, unto me, and unto this congregation, Thy Holy Spirit, and Christian faithfulness and wisdom. Make me a diligent and worthy teacher and servant

of Thy Divine word, and thus build up and bless Thy Church; to the end that we, being admonished, enlightened, nourished, comforted and strengthened by Thy heavenly and everlasting word, may persevere in the profession of Thy name, unto the end, through Jesus Christ, Thy dear Son, our Lord. Amen.

NOTE: *Then shall he pronounce*

The Benediction.



#### VIII.—The Order of Licensure of Candidates.

NOTE: *A suitable hymn shall be sung, and the Candidate shall take his position before the altar. The President shall then say:*

In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost. Amen.

Beloved in the Lord: You stand here in the presence of God, to receive authority from the church to preach the gospel of reconciliation. Having found you possessed of the requisite qualifications, we consider ourselves fully authorized, solemnly to invest you with this sacred office.

Hear first the word of God which is recorded in Matt. xxviii. 18-20. "And Jesus came and spake unto them, saying: All power is given unto me in heaven and on earth. Go ye therefore and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost; teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you: and lo, I am with you

always, even unto the end of the world. Amen."

You are to teach and exhort, to feed and take care of the flock of Christ; and likewise to gather in the scattered sheep, that they may be saved. Never lose sight of the momentous duties which pertain to this office. What indescribable guilt would you incur, if through your negligence and slothfulness, or the actual violation of your trust, immortal souls should be neglected and perish! But unspeakably great and glorious will be your reward, if through your instrumentality many precious souls shall be brought to Jesus and rescued from temporal and eternal destruction.

The duties which devolve upon you as a licentiate in the gospel ministry are as follows:

1. A licensed candidate is authorized to perform all ministerial acts in the congregations committed to him.

2. His duty is to preach the pure, unadulterated word of God, to give religious instruction to children, to perform all other duties appertaining to the same office, to prosecute his studies with diligence, and in all cases of difficulty, to seek the advice of the president, or of his elder brethren in the ministry.

3. He must keep a diary of his ministerial acts, and present it, together with a few sermons of his own composition, annually to the synod for its inspection. His certificate of licensure must also be returned in order to its renewal.

4. He is required to attend the annual synodical meetings, and should he not be able, a written excuse must be sent as well

as his diary, with two or three sermons and his license.

These, beloved brethren, are the duties which you are now authorized and required, by the help of God to perform. Will you strive to fulfill them to the best of your ability, and faithfully discharge the duties of the office with which you are entrusted; will you preach in their purity the doctrines of the Church, according to the Augsburg confession, as they are set forth in God's holy word; and will you endeavor by the grace of God to be a pattern to your congregation in faith and love; if so, declare this your purpose in the presence of God and this Christian assembly, by saying, Yes.

*NOTE: The President shall now say:*

You have witnessed a good confession, and to it we say Yea and Amen.

*NOTE: The President now handing him the license shall say:*

Receive this license, which until the next meeting of Synod invests you with the office of the holy ministry.

And now, agreeably to ancient and sacred usage, extend to us your right hand in confirmation of the promises which you have made.

Let us pray:

Lord Jesus Christ! Thou art truly the Chief Shepherd and Bishop of Thy church. Thou hast founded, preserved and governed it unto this day. Thou hast appointed teachers and evangelists to be stewards of the mysteries of God, to instruct, to exhort, to be-

seech, to break the bread of life in Thy name and in Thy stead. Look in mercy upon these Thy servants who have been called to this office. Grant them a correct understanding of Thy truth; fill them with love to Thee and toward those whom Thou hast purchased with Thy blood; and quicken them to pure zeal in the cause of human salvation, and clothe them with the ornament of an irreproachable walk and conversation, that so they may serve Thee with fidelity and in godly sincerity, laboring for the extension of Thy kingdom, and the salvation of immortal souls.

Our Father, who art in heaven; Hallowed be Thy name; Thy kingdom come; Thy will be done on earth, as it is in heaven; Give us this day our daily bread; And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; And lead us not into temptation; But deliver us from evil; For Thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.

NOTE: *The President shall then pronounce the benediction.*



## IX.—The Order of Ordination to the Office of the Ministry.

NOTE: *Ordination usually takes place before the assembled Synod, but should any congregation desire that its minister be ordained in the church where he is called to serve, and be willing to defray the expenses, the request should be granted. If the officers of Synod cannot attend the Ordination, the president shall appoint a committee for this purpose. A sermon on the office of the ministry should*



*be preached; if this cannot be done, an address at the altar should precede the Ordination.*

*After the sermon a hymn of invocation of the Holy Spirit should be sung. At the close of the hymn, the ordaining minister and the assistants shall go to the altar, and the persons to be ordained shall stand before it. The ordaining minister shall say:*

In the name of the Father, and of the Son,  
and of the Holy Ghost. Amen.

*Or,*

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the  
love of God, and the communion of the Holy  
Ghost be with you all.

Our Lord Jesus Christ, after His resurrec-  
tion, said to His disciples, (John xx. 21,)  
Peace be unto you, as my Father hath sent  
me, even so send I you.

When He was about to ascend into heaven,  
He said to them, (Matthew xxviii. 18,) All  
power is given to me in heaven and in earth.  
Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, bap-  
tizing them in the name of the Father, and  
of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost; teaching  
them to observe all things whatsoever I have  
commanded you: and lo, I am with you  
alway, even to the end of the world.

And when He ascended up far above all  
heavens, that He might fill all things; He  
gave some, apostles; and some, prophets;  
and some, evangelists; and some, pastors and  
teachers; for the perfecting of the saints, for  
the work of the ministry, for the edifying of  
the body of Christ, (Ephesians iv. 10.)

Therefore the office of the ministry of re-  
conciliation, the office of the Spirit whose  
work it is to justify, to renew, and to save,  
was instituted by the Lord Himself. Not  
that they are sufficient of themselves to hold  
this office of the New Testament, but their

sufficiency is of God. They are ambassadors for Christ; as though God did beseech you by them; and they have received from God a ministration of exceeding glory.

They should therefore adorn their ministry in all things, as St. Paul the apostle writes to Timothy and Titus. A bishop must be blameless, ~~the~~ husband of one wife; one that ruleth well his own house, having his children in subjection with all gravity; (for if a man know not how to rule his own house, how shall he take care of the Church of God?) not self-willed, not soon angry, vigilant, sober, not given to wine, no striker, not greedy of filthy lucre, of good behaviour, temperate, just, holy, given to hospitality, a lover of good men, not a brawler, not covetous, but patient, not a novice, lest being lifted up with pride he fall into the condemnation of the devil, apt to teach, holding fast the faithful word as he hath been taught, that he may be able by sound doctrine both to exhort and to convince the gainsayers. Moreover, he must have a good report of them which are without, lest he fall into reproach and the snare of the devil. He must be an example to the flock in word, in conversation, in charity, in spirit, in faith, in purity. He must give attendance to reading, to exhortation, to doctrine; and not neglect the gift that is in him, which was given him by prophecy, with the laying on of the hands of the presbytery. He must meditate upon these things, and give himself wholly to them, that his profiting may appear to all. He must take heed to himself, and to the doctrine, and continue in them, for in so doing he shall both save himself and them that

hear him. The same blessed apostle has briefly set forth all these things in his charge to the elders at Ephesus, Acts xx. 28, where he says : Take heed therefore to yourselves, and to all the flock, over the which the Holy Ghost hath made you overseers, to feed the Church of God, which He hath purchased with His own blood.

From all these things you learn to how high a dignity, and to how weighty an office and charge, you are called ; and that it is most certainly true, what the apostle saith : If a man desire the office of a bishop, he desireth a good work. Forasmuch then as your office and work is of so great difficulty, and you are not able of yourselves faithfully to fulfill it, so as shall be well pleasing to God, and to the edification of the Church ; we exhort you to put your trust in the almighty grace of Jesus Christ our Lord, and to comfort yourselves with His help. They that wait upon the Lord shall renew their strength. And He who has promised to be with us alway, even unto the end of the world, will uphold you, and prosper you, in that whereunto He has sent you. And may He, whose strength is made perfect in our weakness, now give you grace, with pure lips, and sincere hearts, to make that confession which the Church has authorized us to ask of you. To this end lift up your hearts unto God, and say :

NOTE : *The persons to be ordained joining awlibly.*

Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, I beseech Thee to strengthen me now by Thy good Spirit, that with gladness and sincerity of heart, I may confess my purpose to serve Thee in doctrine and life ; so that ever here-

after this hour may be blessed to my soul. Out of the depths do I cry to Thee, O Lord. Lord, hear my voice; let Thine ear be attentive to the voice of my supplications. I wait for the Lord, my soul doth wait, and in His word do I hope. Amen.

*NOTE: Here the open Bible shall be placed before the persons to be ordained, and each shall place his right hand upon it, and the ordaining minister shall say:*

I now demand of you, beloved brethren in the Lord, in the presence of God and our Lord Jesus Christ, and also of this Christian assembly: Whether you are now ready, after due consideration, to take upon you this holy office, and as God shall give you strength, to execute and discharge the same, in such manner as shall be well pleasing to the Lord and Chief Shepherd of the Church? Will you preach the pure word of God, in accordance with the true understanding of the same, as set forth in the Confessions of our Church; and will you, by the grace of God, set to others the example of a godly life? If you so purpose, confess it before God, and this Christian congregation, by your solemn assent.

*NOTE: The persons to be ordained shall then say, one after the other:*

Yes, with my whole heart, the Lord helping me, through the power and grace of His Holy Spirit.

*NOTE: Then shall the ordaining minister say:*

You have witnessed a good confession before many witnesses, whereunto we say Yea and Amen. Kneel down before the omnipresent God, and receive with prayer and supplication this holy consecration.

*NOTE: The persons to be ordained kneeling, the ordaining minister shall say:*

Upon these solemn vows, which you have now taken upon you before God and men; we beseech God, the Father of our blessed Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ, the only Lord of the harvest, that He would so replenish you with His Holy Spirit, that you may be fitted worthily to exercise this sacred office. May He so strengthen and keep you, that you may give no offence in any thing, that the ministry be not blamed; but in all things approve yourselves as the ministers of God, in much patience, in afflictions, in necessities, in distresses, in labors, in watchings, in fastings; by pureness, by knowledge, by long-suffering, by kindness, by the Holy Ghost, by love unfeigned, by the armor of righteousness on the right hand and on the left, by honor and dishonor, by evil report and good report; as deceivers, and yet true; as unknown, and yet well known; as dying, and behold, ye live; as chastened, and not killed; as sorrowful, yet always rejoicing; as poor, yet making many rich; as having nothing, yet possessing all things, (2 Corinthians vi.) The Lord grant you grace to do and suffer the work of the Gospel ministry, that in that great day ye may be ready to appear before the judgment seat of our Lord Jesus Christ, to give answer to the righteous Judge, to receive from His hand glory and honor and immortality, and to shine as the brightness of the firmament, and as the stars for ever and ever. Amen.

*NOTE: The assisting ministers shall say:*

Amen. Amen.

*NOTE: Then the ordaining minister, with the assistants, shall lay their hands upon the head of every one to be ordained, the ordaining minister saying:*

We now commit unto Thee, by the imposition of our hands, the holy office of the word and the sacraments of the Triune God; we ordain and consecrate thee to the ministry of reconciliation in the Church of Jesus Christ, in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost.

*NOTE: The assisting ministers shall say:*

Amen. Amen.

*NOTE: Then all the ordained ministers shall arise and say:*

Our Father, who art in heaven; Hallowed be Thy name; Thy kingdom come; Thy will be done on earth, as it is in heaven; Give us this day our daily bread; And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; And lead us not into temptation; But deliver us from evil; For Thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.

*NOTE: The ordaining minister alone shall then say:*

Most merciful God, our heavenly Father, Through Thy dear Son our Lord Jesus Christ, Thou hast declared: "The harvest truly is great, but the laborers are few; pray ye therefore the Lord of the harvest, that He would send forth laborers into His harvest." In obedience to this Thy command, we humbly and heartily beseech Thee, plenteously, to endow these Thy servants, us, and all who are called to the office and work of Thy Ministry, with Thy Holy Spirit, that we, with all who preach Thy word may be Thy

faithful Evangelists, and continue steadfast against all the temptations of the world, the flesh, and the devil, to the end, that through our endeavors Thy name may be hallowed, Thy kingdom be extended, and Thy will be done on earth. May it please Thee to restrain and bring to naught all Thy enemies, who blaspheme Thy name, and hinder Thy kingdom; and wherever Thy servants preach and labor, do Thou bless their preaching, and prosper the work of their hands and hearts, to the praise of Thy most holy name, and to the salvation of souls, through Thy dear Son our Lord Jesus Christ, who liveth and reigneth with Thee and the Holy Ghost, world without end.

*NOTE: The congregation shall say :*

Amen.

*NOTE: The persons ordained shall now arise.*

*The ordaining minister shall then say to the persons ordained :*

Go then, and feed the flock of God which is among you, taking the oversight thereof, not by constraint but willingly; not for filthy lucre, but of a ready mind; not as being lords over God's heritage, but being ensamples to the flock. And when the Chief Shepherd shall appear, ye shall receive a crown of glory that fadeth not away. The Lord bless you from on high, and make you a blessing unto many, that you may bring forth fruit, and that your fruit may remain unto eternal life.

*NOTE: The persons ordained shall say :*

Amen.

*NOTE: All the ordained ministers present shall then give to the persons ordained the right hand of fellowship.*

*Then shall be sung a hymn of praise and thanksgiving.*

*If the Lord's Supper is administered, it shall now begin at the words of Institution. If there is no communion, the services shall close with the Benediction. If the Ordination takes place in the congregation of the person ordained he shall not preach at that time.*



## X.—The Order for the laying of the Corner-Stone of a Church.

*NOTE: The minister and the Church Council shall go up, in procession, to the place where the Church is to be erected, saying the following:*

### *Psalm 122.*

I was glad when they said unto me, let us go into the house of the Lord. Our feet shall stand within Thy gates, O Jerusalem. Jerusalem is builded as a city that is compact together: whither the tribes go up, the tribes of the Lord, unto the testimony of Israel, to give thanks unto the name of the Lord. For there are set thrones of judgment, the thrones of the house of David. Pray for the peace of Jerusalem: they shall prosper that love Thee. Peace be within Thy walls, and prosperity within Thy palaces. For my brethren and companions' sakes, I will now say, Peace be within thee. Because of the house of the Lord our God I will seek Thy good.

*NOTE: The officiating minister, standing near the corner-stone, shall then say:*

Beloved in the Lord: It is right and proper, and in accordance with the Holy Scrip-



tures, that in all our doings we should look up to Almighty God, the Father of lights, from whom cometh every good and perfect gift, and beseech Him to direct us by His good Spirit, and to prosper the work of our hands with His most gracious help. Especially, therefore, when we are now assembled to commence a house which is to be set apart to His honor and service, and in which His holy name is to be worshipped, His word to be proclaimed, and His sacraments administered, by the ministry whom He hath commissioned, let us humbly and devoutly supplicate His assistance, protection, and blessing.

Let us pray :

Almighty and everlasting God, who art always more ready to hear than we to pray, and art wont to give more than either we desire or deserve ; pour down upon us the abundance of Thy mercy, forgiving us those things whereof our conscience is afraid, and giving us those good things which we are not worthy to ask, but through the merits and mediation of Jesus Christ Thy Son our Lord. Direct us, O Lord, in all our doings, with Thy most gracious favor, and further us with Thy continual help ; that in all our works begun, continued, and ended in Thee, we may glorify Thy holy name ; and finally, by Thy mercy, obtain everlasting life, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

*NOTE : Then shall the minister and congregation say :*

Our Father, who art in heaven ; Hallowed be Thy name ; Thy kingdom come ; Thy will be done on earth, as it is in heaven ; Give us

this day our daily bread ; And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us ; And lead us not into temptation ; But deliver us from evil ; For Thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.

*NOTE : Then shall the builders lay the stone in order ; the officiating minister may read the inscription, and mention the articles to be placed in it and deposit them in the stone. When the stone is set in order and closed the minister shall say, with or without responses :*

Our help is in the name of the Lord,  
*Congregation.* Who made heaven and earth.  
*M.* Except the Lord build the house,  
*C.* They labor in vain that build it.

*NOTE : Then the minister striking the stone three times with a hammer shall say :*

In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost. Amen.

I lay the corner-stone of an edifice to be here erected, by the name of — Evangelical Lutheran Church, and to be devoted to the service of Almighty God, agreeably to the principles of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in its doctrines, ministry, liturgy, rites, and usages.

Other foundation can no man lay than that is laid, which is Jesus Christ—who is God over all, blessed for ever ;—in whom we have redemption through His blood, even the forgiveness of sins, according to the riches of His grace. Amen.

*NOTE : The minister shall then say, with or without the responses :*

O Lord, open Thou our lips.

*Congregation.* And our mouth shall show forth Thy praise.

*NOTE: Then shall the minister and congregation say:*

I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, And in Jesus Christ His only Son, our Lord; Who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, Born of the Virgin Mary; Suffered under Pontius Pilate, Was crucified, dead, and buried; He descended into hell; The third day He rose from the dead; He ascended into heaven, And sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; From thence He shall come to judge the quick and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Ghost; The holy Christian Church, the communion of Saints; The forgiveness of sins; The Resurrection of the body; And the life everlasting. Amen.

*NOTE: Then shall the minister say, with or without responses:*

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;

*Congregation.* As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end.

*M.* Praise ye the Lord.

*C.* Let every thing that hath breath praise the Lord.

*NOTE: Then shall be sung a hymn of praise, after which the minister shall say:*

Let us pray:

Blessed be Thy name, O Lord, that it hath pleased Thee to put it into the hearts of Thy servants to commence the erection of a building in which Thy holy name is to be worshipped, and the messages of reconciliation are to be proclaimed, and the means of Thy grace and our salvation to be administered.

Prosper Thou them, O God, in this their undertaking; O prosper Thou their handy-work. Give to the members of this congregation, unity of council, purity of intention, and a supreme aim at the advancement of Thy glory in promoting the extension and interests of Thy Holy Church, appointed for the salvation of mankind. Guard by Thy Providence every thing which may appertain to the building which is now begun in Thy fear, and in dependence on Thy blessing. And grant that all who are in any way connected with this temple to be made with hands, may seek those influences of Thy Holy Spirit by which their souls will be made temples holy unto Thee, and prepared for that city of the living God, which is eternal in the heavens. Hasten, we beseech Thee, the time when Thy Church, at unity in itself, shall serve Thee in godly quietness, and when all who profess Thy holy name, shall agree in the truth of Thy holy word, when all shall be united as true members in the blessed unity of that holy body of which Thy Son is the Head; and glorifying Thee in Thy Church on earth, with one heart and one mouth, be finally numbered with Thy Saints in Thy Church triumphant. All which we ask through the merits of Thy Son Jesus Christ, who liveth and reigneth with Thee and the Holy Spirit, one God, world without end. Amen.

*NOTE: Then may follow the Address, after which a hymn shall be sung, during which a collection may be taken up. Then shall the minister say;*

Let us pray :

O most merciful God, gracious Father, we

give Thee most hearty thanks that Thou hast counted us worthy to begin an edifice set apart for Thy worship; and we beseech Thee so to prosper our work by Thy power and goodness, that it may be completed as it is now begun under Thy favor and blessing, and that soon a devout and joyful congregation may be assembled here. O Thou, who art the Protector of all that trust in Thee, without whom nothing is strong, nothing is holy; increase and multiply upon us Thy mercy; that, Thou being our Ruler and Guide, we may so pass through things temporal, that we finally lose not the things eternal. Grant this, O heavenly Father, for Jesus Christ's sake, our Lord. Amen.

NOTE: *Then shall the minister say*

The Benediction.



## XI.—The Order for the Consecration of a Church.

NOTE: *The ministers and the Church Council going up the aisle of the Church to the altar, shall, with or without responses, repeat the following Introit alternately, the officiating minister one verse, and the others another.*

*Introit.*

*Minister.* How amiable are Thy tabernacles, O Lord of Hosts.

*Congregation.* My soul longeth, yea fainteth for the courts of the Lord: my heart and my flesh crieth out for the living God. For a day in Thy courts is better than a thousand. (Psalm 84.)

*M.* Lift up your heads, O ye gates; even lift them up, ye everlasting doors;

*C.* And the King of glory shall come in.

*M.* Who is this King of glory?

*C.* The Lord of Hosts, He is the King of glory. (Psalm 24.)

*NOTE:* When the ministers have entered within the rails of the altar, the whole congregation rising up shall sing or say the

*Gloria Patri.*

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son,

And to the Holy Ghost;

As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be,

World without end.

Amen.

*NOTE:* Then shall the officiating minister say, with or without the response.

The Lord be with you.

*Congregation.* And with thy spirit.

*NOTE:* Then shall the minister say:

Let us pray:

Almighty and everlasting God, Thou art the King of glory; and unto Thee alone who dwellest in the high and holy place, be praise and adoration, from the Host of heaven, and from all the dwellers upon earth; we Thy people come before Thy divine presence on this day with joyful hearts, to worship Thee in this house which Thou hast enabled Thy servants to build, and in which Thy name shall henceforth be recorded. Receive, we beseech Thee, our humble thanksgiving, our cheerful praises, and our sincere adoration, as the first offerings which we here bring be-

fore the throne of Thy majesty. Send down Thy Holy Spirit upon us, that we may lift up holy hands and pure hearts unto Thee. Let Thy glory fill this house, and Thy goodness appear unto Thy servants. Hear our prayer, O Lord our God, who livest and reignest for ever and ever. Amen.

*NOTE: Then shall the officiating minister say:*

Dearly Beloved: Mankind in all ages and in all places have common wants and enjoy common blessings; it is therefore proper that they should unite with one another in the worship of the Lord of Life and Giver of all good. God has declared that such worship is acceptable to Him, and His people have experienced that it is good to say to one another: O come, let us worship and bow down: let us kneel before the Lord our Maker; for He is our God, and we are the people of His pasture, and the sheep of His fold.

But for the performance of this sacred duty, it is necessary, not only that special seasons, but also that particular places should be appropriated. Holy men in all ages, have esteemed the erection of houses for the worship of God a good work. This work is especially sanctioned by the divine appointment of the tabernacle and temple under the old dispensation; the importance of frequenting them is enforced by the example of Christ, and the lessons of His apostles; and the consecration of them to the service of the Most High, or the separation of them from worldly and common uses is desirable, that when we meet together for religious purposes, no

thought or emotion may be awakened by the place foreign to that great object.

For such a consecration we are now assembled.

Let us hear from the Holy Scriptures in what manner in ancient time, the first temple of the only true God was dedicated. (Read 1 Kings viii. 22—30, and 54—58.) Hear also what Paul says: (Read Eph. ii. 11—22, and Heb. x. 19—29.)

*NOTE: Then shall the minister and congregation say*

*The Apostles' Creed.*

I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, And in Jesus Christ his only Son, our Lord; Who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, Born of the Virgin Mary; Suffered under Pontius Pilate, Was crucified, dead, and buried; He descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; He ascended into heaven, And sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; From thence He shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost; The holy Christian Church, the communion of Saints; The forgiveness of sins; The Resurrection of the body; And the life everlasting. Amen.

*NOTE: Then shall the officiating minister say:*

And now in this faith, and by the authority committed to us by the Church of Christ, and with uplifted hearts to Almighty God, from whom cometh down every blessing; We, Ministers of the Church of Christ here assembled, do set apart and consecrate this edifice to a House of God, to a place of as-



sembly for the Christian Church under the name of N. N. Evangelical Lutheran Church, separating it henceforth from all unhallowed, ordinary, and common uses. We do consecrate it, with its pulpit, its altar, (its baptismal font) and all its parts to the honor of Almighty God our heavenly Father; for the offering up to Him of praise and thanksgiving, of prayer and intercession. We consecrate it to the preservation and furtherance of the Gospel of His only-begotten Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, the Enlightener and Redeemer of the world, that in it the word of the cross may be preached, according to the Confessions of our Evangelical Lutheran Church, His holy sacraments rightly administered to God's believing people, and His religion handed down to the latest generations. We consecrate it to the gracious work of the Holy Ghost, that in it, through His influence the hearts of men may be enlightened, sanctified, and sealed unto salvation, and Christian unity, love, and happiness may be promoted. And to these holy purposes we set apart and consecrate this house, In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost. Amen.

But, in as much as the consecration of the temple erected by human hands is vain and ineffectual, if not followed by another consecration, even the consecration of those who intend to worship therein, I call upon all of you, who are here present, now to consecrate yourselves anew with all you are and have to the service of our God. To Him let our souls be consecrated with all their powers and affections, that they may be renewed after the image of Him who hath created

them in righteousness and true holiness! To Him let our bodies be consecrated, that they may be the temples of the Holy Ghost, and all their members and senses be vessels and instruments sanctified unto God! To Him let our calling and station in life be consecrated, that we may faithfully employ them in doing good and glorifying our Father who is in heaven! To Him let our whole life be consecrated, that every day may bear witness, that we have not received His grace in vain, but that we are living to His glory.

Thus may the consecration of this house be accompanied by the consecration of ourselves. And let all the people say Amen.

And now, I beseech you, my Christian brethren, to accompany me with your prayers to the God of all grace, that He may grant His blessing to this good work.

Let us pray :

O Lord, Thou art worthy to receive glory and honor, for Thou hast created all things, and by Thee they are constantly supported and upheld. Great and marvellous are Thy works Lord God Almighty! just and true are Thy ways, Thou King of Saints. Who shall not fear Thee and glorify Thy name? for Thou only art holy; Thou only art the Lord. All nations shall come and worship before Thee, when the counsel of Thy love hath been made known unto them.

The heavens, yea, the heaven of heavens cannot contain Thee: yet adored be Thy name that Thou art inviting us to communion with Thyself, the everlasting fountain of light, love, and joy.

Receive our thanks, O Father of mercies, for disposing Thy servants to erect this house for Thine honor, and the edification of immortal souls. Be pleased to accept the consecration of it to Thy service, to the religion of Jesus Christ, Thy Son, and to the operation of the Holy Spirit. Look down in mercy upon this sanctuary, to protect it from every danger; and upon all who shall assemble here from time to time, to gladden them with Thy blissful presence. Accomplish in their behalf, O Lord, Thy promise to dwell in the midst of them, that Thou mayest be their God, and that they may be Thy people. May they always enter Thy sanctuary with reverence, and never leave it without a blessing.

Grant, O Lord, that all who shall be dedicated to Thee in this house by the Holy Sacrament of Baptism, may grow in Thy fear and continue to be Thy true disciples; that all who shall here confirm the vows made at their baptism, may, by Thy Holy Spirit, fulfill the same, and grow in grace; that all who shall at this altar celebrate the atoning death of Christ, may be established in their faith and obtain remission of their sins; and that Thy word may at all times be preached here in its purity and power, received into honest and good hearts, and bring forth abundantly the fruits of righteousness and godliness.

Save now, O Lord, we beseech Thee; send now prosperity. Let Thy work appear to Thy servants, Thy glory to their children; and let the beauty of the Lord our God be upon us. And, being built upon the foundation of the prophets and apostles, Jesus

Christ himself the chief corner-stone, may we grow unto a holy temple in the Lord; and finally by Thy grace, be received into that temple not made with hands in which everlasting songs of praises ascend to Thee.

NOTE: *The minister and congregation shall then say:*

Our Father who art in heaven; Hallowed be Thy name; Thy kingdom come; Thy will be done on earth, as it is in heaven; Give us this day our daily bread; And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive them that trespass against us; And lead us not into temptation; But deliver us from evil; For Thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.

NOTE: *Then shall a hymn be sung, during which the collection shall be taken. The Sermon shall then be preached. After which the exercises shall close by singing a Doxology, and the minister shall then pronounce the Benediction.*



## XII.—The Order for Opening of Synod.

NOTE: *A Hymn of Invocation of the Holy Spirit, or any suitable hymn shall be sung, after which, the President, standing at the altar shall say, with or without responses:*

The Lord be with you.

*Members of Synod.* And with Thy Spirit.

*P.* Holy, holy, holy, is the Lord our God.

*M.* Heaven and earth are full of Thy glory.

*P.* Let us pray. (*All kneeling.*)

Holy art Thou, O Lord, heavenly Father, who dwellest in the high and holy place; we are unholy and wait for Thy salvation. Grant us now that grace which Thou hast

promised, which Thy Son has purchased, which Thy Holy Spirit conveys, and which all those who earnestly beseech Thee for that grace shall assuredly receive. We humble ourselves before the throne of Thy grace in lowliness of heart, and implore of Thee the gifts of Thy Holy Spirit, the Spirit of truth and of wisdom, of power and of might, of love and of concord. May He remove all self-sufficiency and all arrogance from us, the ministers of Thy church, and heralds of Thy gospel, and keep us from being led astray through selfishness and sinful desires. May He sanctify us through Thy truth. May He so reign and rule within us, that we, being filled with strength and courage, may continually seek after this one thing: to do Thy holy will, to glorify Thy Son, and to build up Thy kingdom. May He Himself make intercession for us, with groanings which cannot be uttered, and direct us in all our deliberations and decisions to Jesus Christ, who ever liveth and reigneth with Thee and the Holy Spirit, one God, world without end. Amen.

*NOTE: Then shall the President followed by the Members of Synod say :*

I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, And in Jesus Christ his only Son, our Lord; Who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, Born of the Virgin Mary; Suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; He descended into hell; The Third day he rose from the dead; He ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; From thence He shall come to judge the quick and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Ghost; The holy Christian Church, The communion of Saints; The forgiveness of sins; The Resurrection of the body, And the life everlasting. Amen.

*NOTE: Then shall the President followed by the Members of Synod say:*

Our Father, who art in heaven, Hallowed be Thy name; Thy kingdom come; Thy will be done on earth, as it is in heaven; Give us this day our daily bread; And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; And lead us not into temptation; But deliver us from evil; For Thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.

*NOTE: The President shall then say:*

Having, therefore, dear brethren, boldness to enter into the holiest by the blood of Jesus, and having an high-priest over the house of God; let us draw near with a true heart, in full assurance of faith, having our hearts sprinkled from an evil conscience. And let us hold fast the profession of our faith without wavering; for He is faithful that promised. And let us consider one another, to provoke unto love and to good works.

I do hereby open this Synod, in accordance with the usage and principles of our Evangelical Lutheran Church, for the glory of God, for the welfare of the Church of Jesus Christ, and for the edification of all who believe in His name; In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost. Amen.

The Lord be with us, that we may prove what is that good, and acceptable and perfect will of God.

NOTE: *The President and Members of Synod shall say :  
Amen.*



### XIII.—The Closing of Synod.

NOTE: *A hymn of praise shall be sung, after which the President standing at the altar shall say :*

O give thanks unto the Lord, for He is good :

*Members of Synod.* And His mercy endureth for ever.

*P.* Let us pray. (*All kneeling.*)

Almighty and most merciful God, who art the source of all light and of all truth, we give thanks unto Thee, and laud Thy holy name, that Thou hast graciously granted us the assistance and comfort of Thy good Spirit, to the end that we might be preserved from the blinding influences of error, worldly-mindedness, and vanity. And we pray that Thy Spirit may continue so to rule and govern us, that strong in the power of faith, and immovable in steadfastness of heart, we may persevere in Thy work, and may always be found as faithful laborers in Thy vineyard, and as fearless confessors of Thy truth to the day of the coming of Thy Son, our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen.

NOTE: *Then shall the President say :*

I do now close this Synod in the name of the Lord. And now, dear brethren, let us

stand fast in the love of Christ, that when He comes again in His glory, we may not be put to shame, but rejoice before Him.

*NOTE: The President followed by the Members of Synod shall say :*

I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, And in Jesus Christ his only Son, our Lord; Who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, Born of the Virgin Mary; Suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; He descended into hell; The Third day He rose from the dead; He ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; From thence He shall come to judge the quick and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Ghost; The holy Christian Church, The communion of Saints; The forgiveness of sins; The Resurrection of the body, And the life everlasting. Amen.

*NOTE: Then shall the President and Members of Synod say :*

Our Father, who art in heaven, Hallowed be Thy name; Thy kingdom come; Thy will be done on earth, as it is in heaven; Give us this day our daily bread; And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; And lead us not into temptation; But deliver us from evil; For Thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.

*NOTE: A hymn shall then be sung, and the President shall pronounce the Benediction.*



## XIV.—Burial of the Dead.

NOTE: *At the house, or after the corpse is brought into the Church, the minister standing before the altar shall say:*

Job xiv. 10, 11, 12:—Man dieth and wasteth away: yea, man giveth up the ghost, and where is he? As the waters fail from the sea, and the flood decayeth and drieth up: So man lieth down and riseth not: till the heavens be no more, they shall not awake, nor be raised out of sleep.

Job xix. 25, 26, 27:—I know that my Redeemer liveth, and that he shall stand at the latter day upon the earth: and though after my skin worms destroy this body, yet in my flesh shall I see God: whom I shall see for myself, and mine eyes shall behold, and not another.

John's Gos. xi. 25, 26:—Jesus saith, I am the resurrection and the life: he that believeth in me, though he were dead, yet shall he live: and whosoever liveth and believeth in me, shall never die.

NOTE: *Then shall be read the 39th Psalm, commencing at the 4th verse:*

Lord, make me to know mine end, and the measure of my days, what it is: that I may know how frail I am.

Behold Thou hast made my days as an hand-breadth: and mine age is as nothing before Thee: verily every man at his best state is altogether vanity.

Surely every man walketh in a vain show: surely they are disquieted in vain: he heapeth up riches and knoweth not who shall gather them.

And now, Lord, what wait I for? my hope is in Thee.

Deliver me from all my transgressions: make me not the reproach of the foolish.

I was dumb, I opened not my mouth; because Thou didst it.

Remove Thy stroke away from me: I am consumed by the blow of Thine hand.

When Thou with rebukes dost correct man for iniquity, Thou makest his beauty to consume away like as a moth: surely every man is vanity.

Hear my prayer, O Lord, and give ear unto my cry: hold not Thy peace at my tears: for I am a stranger with Thee and a sojourner as all my fathers were.

O spare me, that I may recover my strength before I go hence and be no more.

Psalm xc.

Lord, thou hast been our dwelling-place in all generations.

Before the mountains were brought forth, or ever thou hadst formed the earth and the world, even from everlasting to everlasting, thou art God.

Thou turnest man to destruction; and sayest, Return ye children of men.

For a thousand years in thy sight are but as yesterday when it is past, and as a watch in the night.

Thou carriest them away as with a flood; they are as a sleep: in the morning they are like grass which groweth up.

In the morning it flourisheth, and groweth up; in the evening it is cut down, and withereth.

For we are consumed by thine anger, and by thy wrath are we troubled.

Thou hast set our iniquities before thee, our secret sins in the light of thy countenance.

For all our days are passed away in thy wrath: we spend our years as a tale that is told.

The days of our years are threescore years and ten; and if by reason of strength they be fourscore years, yet is their strength labor and sorrow; for it is soon cut off, and we fly away.

Who knoweth the power of thine anger? even according to thy fear, so is thy wrath.

So teach us to number our days, that we may apply our hearts unto wisdom.

Return, O Lord, how long? and let it repent thee concerning thy servants.

O satisfy us early with thy mercy; that we may rejoice and be glad all our days.

Make us glad according to the days wherein thou hast afflicted us, and the years wherein we have seen evil.

Let thy work appear unto thy servants, and thy glory unto their children.

And let the beauty of the Lord our God be upon us: and establish thou the work of our hands upon us; yea, the work of our hands establish thou it.

*NOTE: After the reading of these Psalms, the minister and congregation standing, shall devoutly repeat the Lord's Prayer.*

*Minister.* Let us pray:

Our Father, who art in heaven; Hallowed be Thy name; Thy kingdom come; Thy will be done on earth, as it is in heaven; Give us

this day our daily bread; And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; And lead us not into temptation; But deliver us from evil; For Thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.

*NOTE: Then shall the minister read the following portion of Holy Writ.*

1 Corinthians xv.

Now if Christ be preached that he rose from the dead, how say some among you that there is no resurrection of the dead?

But if there be no resurrection of the dead, then is Christ not risen:

And if Christ be not risen, then is our preaching vain, and your faith is also vain.

Yea, and we are found false witnesses of God; because we have testified of God that he raised up Christ: whom he raised not up, if so be that the dead rise not.

For if the dead rise not, then is not Christ raised:

And if Christ be not raised, your faith is vain; ye are yet in your sins.

Then they also which are fallen asleep in Christ are perished.

If in this life only we have hope in Christ, we are of all men most miserable.

But now is Christ risen from the dead, and become the first-fruits of them that slept.

For since by man came death, by man came also the resurrection of the dead.

For as in Adam all die, even so in Christ shall all be made alive.

But every man in his own order; Christ the first-fruits; afterward they that are Christ's at his coming.

Then cometh the end, when he shall have delivered up the kingdom to God, even the Father; when he shall have put down all rule and all authority and power.

For he must reign, till he hath put all enemies under his feet.

The last enemy that shall be destroyed is death.

For he hath put all things under his feet. But when he saith, all things are put under him, it is manifest that he is excepted, which did put all things under him.

And when all things shall be subdued unto him, then shall the Son also himself be subject unto him that put all things under him, that God may be all in all.

Else what shall they do which are baptized for the dead, if the dead rise not at all? why are they then baptized for the dead?

And why stand we in jeopardy every hour?

I protest by your rejoicing which I have in Christ Jesus our Lord, I die daily.

If after the manner of men I have fought with beasts at Ephesus, what advantageth it me, if the dead rise not? let us eat and drink; for to-morrow we die.

Be not deceived: evil communications corrupt good manners.

Awake to righteousness, and sin not; for some have not the knowledge of God: I speak this to your shame.

But some man will say, How are the dead raised up? and with what body do they come?

Thou fool, that which thou sowest is not quickened, except it die:

And that which thou sowest, thou sowest

not that body that shall be, but bare grain, it may chance of wheat, or of some other grain :

But God giveth it a body as it hath pleased him, and to every seed his own body.

All flesh is not the same flesh : but there is one kind of flesh of men, another flesh of beasts, another of fishes, and another of birds.

There are also celestial bodies, and bodies terrestrial : but the glory of the celestial is one, and the glory of the terrestrial is another.

There is one glory of the sun, and another glory of the moon, and another glory of the stars : for one star differeth from another star in glory.

So also is the resurrection of the dead. It is sown in corruption ; it is raised in incorruption :

It is sown in dishonor ; it is raised in glory : it is sown in weakness ; it is raised in power :

It is sown a natural body ; it is raised a spiritual body. There is a natural body, and there is a spiritual body.

And so it is written, The first man Adam was made a living soul ; the last Adam was made a quickening spirit.

Howbeit that was not first which is spiritual, but that which is natural ; and afterward that which is spiritual.

The first man is of the earth, earthy : the second man is the Lord from heaven.

As is the earthy, such are they also that are earthy : and as is the heavenly, such are they also that are heavenly,

And as we have borne the image of the

earthly, we shall also bear the image of the heavenly.

Now this I say, brethren, that flesh and blood cannot inherit the kingdom of God; neither doth corruption inherit incorruption.

Behold, I show you a mystery; We shall not all sleep, but we shall all be changed,

In a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trump: for the trumpet shall sound, and the dead shall be raised incorruptible, and we shall be changed.

For this corruptible must put on incorruption, and this mortal must put on immortality.

So when this corruptible shall have put on incorruption, and this mortal shall have put on immortality, then shall be brought to pass the saying that is written, Death is swallowed up in victory.

O death, where is thy sting? O grave, where is thy victory?

The sting of death is sin; and the strength of sin is the law.

But thanks be to God, which giveth us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.

Therefore, my beloved brethren, be ye steadfast, unmovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, forasmuch as ye know that your labor is not in vain in the Lord.

*NOTE: Then shall the minister say:*

Let us pray:

Eternal God without whose direction and Providence nothing can happen to us in life or death! Out of affliction and sorrow we lift up our souls to Thee, for in Thee alone is our help and hope. Our existence is in Thy hands, and all our enjoyments are at

Thy disposal. Thou didst at first call us into being by Thy mighty power, and when Thou takest away our breath, we die and return to dust. In the midst of life we are in death. Of whom may we seek for succor, but to Thee, O Lord, who changest not, and who hast been the refuge of Thy children in all generations. The Lord liveth, let our hearts rejoice, and let the God of our salvation be for ever exalted. Under all the troubles of life, Thy mercy is our confidence and support. Even as a father pitieth his children, so Thou hast compassion upon the sons of men. Infinite wisdom and love direct all Thy dispensations. Behold Thy servants, O Lord, do with us whatsoever seemeth good in Thy sight. The Lord gave, and the Lord hath taken away, blessed be the name of the Lord. Amen! Amen!

*NOTE: An appropriate hymn shall then be sung, (If a sermon is preached, it is followed by a hymn,) and the minister shall then say:*

Let us now accompany the remains of our departed brother, sister, child, to his last resting-place.

*NOTE: The body shall then be deposited in the grave, and the minister standing at the foot of the grave shall say:*

Man, who is born of a woman, hath but a short time to live, and is full of misery. He cometh up, and is cut down like a flower; he fleeth as it were a shadow, and never continueth in one stay.

In the midst of life we are in death. Of whom may we seek for succor, but of Thee, O Lord, who for our sins art justly displeased?



Yet, O Lord God most holy, O Lord most mighty, O holy and most merciful Saviour, deliver us not into the bitter pains of eternal death.

Thou knowest, Lord, the secrets of our hearts: shut not Thy merciful ears to our prayers: but spare us, Lord most holy, O God most mighty, O holy and merciful Saviour, Thou most worthy Judge eternal, suffer us not, at our last hour, for any pains of death to fall from Thee.

*NOTE: Then shall the minister say :*

Let us pray.

Eternal God, without whose direction and Providence nothing can happen to us in life or death! out of the depths of affliction and sorrow we lift up our souls unto Thee; for in Thee alone are our help and hope.

Teach us, O most gracious God, by the instances of mortality which are before our eyes, and particularly by the present mournful event, to see how short and uncertain our abode on earth is, and so to number our days that we may apply our hearts unto wisdom and seek the things which are above. Grant, that we may labor with increasing zeal to become the true disciples of our blessed Saviour; and, after believing in Him and obeying Him here below, be united with Him at Thy right hand, and with all whom we love, and with the virtuous and pious of all nations and tongues, praise Thee through endless ages, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

It having pleased Almighty God, in His wise Providence to take out of this world the soul of our deceased brother, *sister, child*; we

therefore commit the body to the ground; earth to earth, ashes to ashes, dust to dust; looking confidently for the general resurrection in the last day, and the life of the world to come, through our Lord Jesus Christ, who shall raise His followers to the participation of his own happiness and glory in heaven.

*NOTE: The services shall then be concluded with the benediction.*

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, our heavenly Father, and the communion and fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you now and evermore. Amen.

## PART II.

### SCRIPTURE LESSONS.

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SEARCH THE SCRIPTURES.—JESUS.

# THE PRINCIPLES

OF THE THEORY OF THE DIFFERENTIAL CALCULUS

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## I.—Pericopee.

*The 1st Sunday in Advent.*  
*The Gos.*—Matt. xxi. 1-9.  
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*The 2d Sunday in Advent.*  
 Luke xxi. 25-36.  
 Rom. xv. 4-13.

*The 3d Sunday in Advent.*  
 Matt. xi. 2-10.  
 1 Cor. iv. 1-5.

*The 4th Sunday in Advent.*  
 John i. 19-28.  
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*Christmas day.*  
 Luke ii. 1-14.  
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*Sunday after Christmas.*  
 Luke ii. 33-40.  
 Gal. iv. 1-7.

*New-year's day, or the Circumcision of Christ.*  
 Luke ii. 21.  
 Gal. iii. 23-29.

*Sunday after New-year.*  
 Matt. ii. 13-23, or  
 Matt. iii. 13-17.  
 1 Peter iv. 12-19, or  
 Titus iii. 4-7.

*Epiphany, or Manifestation of Christ to the Gentiles.*  
 Matt. ii. 1-12.  
 Isaiah lx. 1-6, or  
 Ephes. iii. 1-12.

*1st Sunday after Epiphany.*  
 Luke ii. 41-52.  
 Rom. xii. 1-6.

*2d Sunday after Epiphany.*  
 John ii. 1-11.  
 Rom. xii. 6-16.

*3d Sunday after Epiphany.*  
 Matt. viii. 1-13.  
 Rom. xii. 17-21.

*4th Sunday after Epiphany.*  
 Matt. viii. 23-27.  
 Rom. xiii. 8-10.

*5th Sunday after Epiphany.*  
 Matt. xiii. 24-30.  
 Coloss. iii. 12-17.

*6th Sunday after Epiphany.*  
 Matt. xvii. 1-9.  
 2 Peter i. 16-21.

*Septuagesima, or 3d Sunday before Lent.*

Matt. xx. 1-16.  
 1 Cor. ix. 24-27.

*Sexagesima, or 2d Sunday before Lent.*

Luke viii. 4-15.  
 2 Cor. xi. 19-31.

*Quinquagesima, or 1st Sunday before Lent.*

Luke xviii. 31-43.  
 1 Cor. xiii.

*The 1st Sunday in Lent.*  
 Matt. iv. 1-11.  
 2 Cor. vi. 1-10.

*The 2d Sunday in Lent.*  
 Matt. xv. 21-28.  
 1 Thess. iv. 1-7.

*The 3d Sunday in Lent.*  
 Luke xi. 14-28.  
 Ephes. v. 1-13.

*The 4th Sunday in Lent.*  
 John vi. 1-15.  
 Gal. iv. 21-31.

*The 5th Sunday in Lent.*

John viii. 46-59.

Heb. ix. 11-15.

*The 6th Sunday in Lent.*

Matt. xxi. 1-9.

Philipp. ii. 5-11, or

1 Cor. xi. 23-32.

*Good Friday.*

Matt. xxvi. 36, to the end  
of Chap. xxvii., or Mark xiv.  
32, to the end of Chap. xv.,  
or Luke xxii. 39, to the end  
of Chap. xxiii., or John  
xviii. and xix.

Isaiah liii.

*Easter.*

Mark xvi. 1-8.

1 Cor. v. 6-8.

*Easter Monday.*

Luke xxiv. 13-35.

Acts x. 34-41.

*1st Sunday after Easter.*

John xx. 19-31.

1 John v. 4-10.

*2d Sunday after Easter.*

John x. 11-16.

1 Peter ii. 21-25.

*3d Sunday after Easter.*

John xvi. 16-23.

1 Peter ii. 11-20.

*4th Sunday after Easter.*

John xvi. 5-15.

James i. 16-21.

*5th Sunday after Easter.*

John xvi. 23-30.

James i. 22-27.

*Ascension-day.*

Mark xvi. 14-20.

Acts i. 1-11.

*The Sunday after Ascension-day.*

John xv. 26, xvi. 4.

1 Peter iv. 7-11.

*Whitsunday.*

John xiv. 23-31.

Acts ii. 1-12.

*Whit Monday.*

John iii. 16-21.

Acts x. 42-48.

*Trinity Sunday.*

John iii. 1-15.

Rom. xi. 33-36.

*1st Sunday after Trinity.*

Luke xvi. 19-31.

1 John iv. 16-21.

*2d Sunday after Trinity.*

Luke xiv. 16-24.

1 John iii. 13-18.

*3d Sunday after Trinity.*

Luke xv. 1-10.

1 Peter v. 6-11.

*4th Sunday after Trinity.*

Luke vi. 36-42.

Rom. viii. 18-23.

*5th Sunday after Trinity.*

Luke v. 1-11.

1 Peter iii. 8-15.

*6th Sunday after Trinity.*

Matt. v. 20-26.

Rom. vi. 3-11.

*7th Sunday after Trinity.*

Mark viii. 1-9.

Rom. vi. 19-23.

*8th Sunday after Trinity.*

Matt. vii. 15-23.

Rom. viii. 12-17.

*9th Sunday after Trinity.*

Luke xvi. 1-9.

1 Cor. x. 6-13.

*10th Sunday after Trinity.*

Luke xix. 41-48.

1 Cor. xii. 1-11.

*11th Sunday after Trinity.*

Luke xviii. 9-14.

1 Cor. xv. 1-10.

*12th Sunday after Trinity.*

Mark vii. 31-37.

2 Cor. iii. 4-11.

*13th Sunday after Trinity.*

Luke x. 23-37.

Gal. iii. 15-22.

*14th Sunday after Trinity.*

Luke xvii. 11-19.

Gal. v. 16-24.

*15th Sunday after Trinity.*

Matt. vi. 24-34.

Gal. v. 25, vi. 10.

*16th Sunday after Trinity.*

Luke vii. 11-17.

Ephes. iii. 13-21.

*17th Sunday after Trinity.*

Luke xiv. 1-11.

Ephes. iv. 1-6.

*18th Sunday after Trinity.*

Matt. xxii. 34-46.

1 Cor. i. 4-9.

*19th Sunday after Trinity.*

Matt. ix. 1-8.

Ephes. iv. 22-28.

*20th Sunday after Trinity.*

Matt. xxii. 1-14.

Ephes. v. 15-21.

*21st Sunday after Trinity.*

John iv. 47-54.

Ephes. vi. 10-17.

*22d Sunday after Trinity.*

Matt. xviii. 23-35.

Philipp. i. 3-11.

*23d Sunday after Trinity.*

Matt. xxii. 15-22.

Philipp. iii. 17-21.

*24th Sunday after Trinity.*

Matt. ix. 18-26.

Coloss. i. 9-14.

*25th Sunday after Trinity.*

Matt. xxiv. 15-28.

1 Thess. iv. 13-18.

*26th Sunday after Trinity.*

Matt. xxv. 31-46.

2 Peter iii. 3-14.

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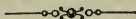
Matt. xxiv. 36, xxv. 1-30.

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Rev. xiv. 6-13.

Psalm xlv.



## II.—Penitential Psalms.

Psalm vi.

O Lord, rebuke me not in thine anger,  
neither chasten me in thy hot displeasure.

Have mercy upon me, O Lord; for I am  
weak; O Lord, heal me; for my bones are  
vexed.

My soul is also sore vexed: but thou, O  
Lord, how long?

Return, O Lord, deliver my soul: oh save  
me for thy mercies' sake.

For in death there is no remembrance of

thee; in the grave who shall give thee thanks?

I am weary with my groaning; all the night make I my bed to swim; I water my couch with my tears.

Mine eye is consumed because of grief; it waxeth old because of all mine enemies.

Depart from me, all ye workers of iniquity; for the Lord hath heard the voice of my weeping.

The Lord hath heard my supplication; the Lord will receive my prayer.

Let all mine enemies be ashamed and sore vexed: let them return and be ashamed suddenly.

Psalm xxxii.

Blessed is he whose transgression is forgiven, whose sin is covered.

Blessed is the man unto whom the Lord imputeth not iniquity, and in whose spirit there is no guile.

When I kept silence, my bones waxed old through my roaring all the day long.

For day and night thy hand was heavy upon me: my moisture is turned into the drought of summer. Selah.

I acknowledged my sin unto thee, and mine iniquity have I not hid. I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord; and thou forgavest the iniquity of my sin. Selah.

For this shall every one that is godly pray unto thee in a time when thou mayest be found; surely in the floods of great waters they shall not come nigh unto him.

Thou art my hiding-place; thou shalt pre-



serve me from trouble; thou shalt compass me about with songs of deliverance. Selah.

I will instruct thee and teach thee in the way which thou shalt go: I will guide thee with mine eye.

Be ye not as the horse, or as the mule, which have no understanding: whose mouth must be held in with bit and bridle, lest they come near unto thee.

Many sorrows shall be to the wicked: but he that trusteth in the Lord, mercy shall compass him about.

Be glad in the Lord, and rejoice, ye righteous: and shout for joy, all ye that are upright in heart.

Psalm xxxviii.

O Lord, rebuke me not in thy wrath: neither chasten me in thy hot displeasure.

For thine arrows stick fast in me, and thy hand presseth me sore.

There is no soundness in my flesh because of thine anger; neither is there any rest in my bones because of my sin.

For mine iniquities are gone over mine head: as a heavy burden they are too heavy for me.

My wounds stink and are corrupt because of my foolishness.

I am troubled; I am bowed down greatly; I go mourning all the day long.

For my loins are filled with a loathsome disease: and there is no soundness in my flesh.

I am feeble and sore broken: I have roared by reason of the disquietness of my heart.

Lord, all my desire is before thee: and my groaning is not hid from thee.

My heart panteth, my strength faileth me :  
as for the light of mine eyes, it also is gone  
from me.

My lovers and my friends stand aloof from  
my sore ; and my kinsmen stand afar off.

They also that seek after my life lay snares  
for me ; and they that seek my hurt speak  
mischievous things, and imagine deceits all  
the day long.

But I, as a deaf man, heard not ; and I was  
as a dumb man that openeth not his mouth.

Thus I was as a man that heareth not, and  
in whose mouth are no reproofs.

For in thee, O Lord, do I hope : thou wilt  
hear, O Lord my God.

For I said, Hear me, lest otherwise they  
should rejoice over me : when my foot slip-  
peth, they magnify themselves against me.

For I am ready to halt, and my sorrow is  
continually before me.

For I will declare mine iniquity ; I will  
be sorry for my sin.

But mine enemies are lively, and they are  
strong : and they that hate me wrongfully  
are multiplied.

They also that render evil for good are  
mine adversaries ; because I follow the thing  
that good is.

Forsake me not, O Lord : O my God, be  
not far from me.

Make haste to help me, O Lord my salva-  
tion.

Psalm li.

Have mercy upon me, O God, according to  
thy loving-kindness : according unto the mul-  
titude of thy tender mercies blot out my  
transgressions.

Wash me thoroughly from mine iniquity, and cleanse me from my sin.

For I acknowledge my transgressions: and my sin is ever before me.

Against thee, thee only, have I sinned, and done this evil in thy sight: that thou mightest be justified when thou speakest, and be clear when thou judgest.

Behold, I was shapen in iniquity; and in sin did my mother conceive me.

Behold, thou desirest truth in the inward parts: and in the hidden part thou shalt make me to know wisdom.

Purge me with hyssop, and I shall be clean: wash me, and I shall be whiter than snow.

Make me to hear joy and gladness; that the bones which thou hast broken may rejoice.

Hide thy face from my sins, and blot out all mine iniquities.

Create in me a clean heart, O God; and renew a right spirit within me.

Cast me not away from thy presence; and take not thy Holy Spirit from me.

Restore unto me the joy of thy salvation; and uphold me with thy free Spirit.

Then will I teach transgressors thy ways; and sinners shall be converted unto thee.

Deliver me from blood-guiltiness, O God, thou God of my salvation: and my tongue shall sing aloud of thy righteousness.

O Lord, open thou my lips; and my mouth shall show forth thy praise.

For thou desirest not sacrifice; else would I give it: thou delightest not in burnt-offering.

The sacrifices of God are a broken spirit:

a broken and a contrite heart, O God, thou wilt not despise.

Do good in thy good pleasure unto Zion: build thou the walls of Jerusalem.

Then shalt thou be pleased with the sacrifices of righteousness, with burnt-offering and whole burnt-offering: then shall they offer bullocks upon thine altar.

Psalm cii.

Hear my prayer, O Lord, and let my cry come unto thee.

Hide not thy face from me in the day when I am in trouble; incline thine ear unto me: in the day when I call answer me speedily.

For my days are consumed like smoke, and my bones are burned as a hearth.

My heart is smitten, and withered like grass; so that I forget to eat my bread.

By reason of the voice of my groaning my bones cleave to my skin.

I am like a pelican of the wilderness: I am like an owl of the desert.

I watch, and am as a sparrow alone upon the housetop.

Mine enemies reproach me all the day; and they that are mad against me are sworn against me.

For I have eaten ashes like bread, and mingled my drink with weeping,

Because of thine indignation and thy wrath: for thou hast lifted me up, and cast me down.

My days are like a shadow that inclineth; and I am withered like grass.

But thou, O Lord, shalt endure for ever; and thy remembrance unto all generations.

Thou shalt arise, and have mercy upon

Zion: for the time to favor her, yea, the set time, is come.

For thy servants take pleasure in her stones, and favor the dust thereof.

So the heathen shall fear the name of the Lord, and all the kings of the earth thy glory.

When the Lord shall build up Zion, he shall appear in his glory.

He will regard the prayer of the destitute, and not despise their prayer.

This shall be written for the generation to come: and the people which shall be created shall praise the Lord.

For he hath looked down from the height of his sanctuary; from heaven did the Lord behold the earth;

To hear the groaning of the prisoner; to loose those that are appointed to death;

To declare the name of the Lord in Zion, and his praise in Jerusalem;

When the people are gathered together, and the kingdoms, to serve the Lord.

He weakened my strength in the way; he shortened my days.

I said, O my God, take me not away in the midst of my days: thy years are throughout all generations.

Of old hast thou laid the foundation of the earth: and the heavens are the work of thy hands.

They shall perish, but thou shalt endure; yea, all of them shall wax old like a garment; as a vesture shalt thou change them, and they shall be changed:

But thou art the same, and thy years shall have no end.

The children of thy servants shall con-

tinue, and their seed shall be established before thee.

Psalm cxxx.

Out of the depths have I cried unto thee,  
O Lord.

Lord, hear my voice: let thine ears be attentive to the voice of my supplications.

If thou, Lord, shouldest mark iniquities,  
O Lord, who shall stand?

But there is forgiveness with thee, that thou mayest be feared.

I wait for the Lord, my soul doth wait, and in his word do I hope.

My soul waiteth for the Lord more than they that watch for the morning: I say, more than they that watch for the morning.

Let Israel hope in the Lord: for with the Lord there is mercy, and with him is plentiful redemption.

And he shall redeem Israel from all his iniquities.

Psalm cxliii.

Hear my prayer, O Lord, give ear to my supplications: in thy faithfulness answer me, and in thy righteousness.

And enter not into judgment with thy servant: for in thy sight shall no man living be justified.

For the enemy hath persecuted my soul; he hath smitten my life down to the ground; he hath made me to dwell in darkness, as those that have been long dead.

Therefore is my spirit overwhelmed within me; my heart within me is desolate.

I remember the days of old; I meditate on

all thy works; I muse on the work of thy hands.

I stretch forth my hands unto thee: my soul thirsteth after thee, as a thirsty land. Selah.

Hear me speedily, O Lord; my spirit faileth: hide not thy face from me, lest I be like unto them that go down into the pit.

Cause me to hear thy loving-kindness in the morning; for in thee do I trust: cause me to know the way wherein I should walk; for I lift up my soul unto thee.

Deliver me, O Lord, from mine enemies: I flee unto thee to hide me.

Teach me to do thy will; for thou art my God: thy Spirit is good; lead me into the land of uprightness.

Quicken me, O Lord, for thy name's sake: for thy righteousness' sake bring my soul out of trouble.

And of thy mercy cut off mine enemies, and destroy all them that afflict my soul: for I am thy servant.



### III.—The History of the Passion of our Lord and Saviour.

#### PART I.

Then gathered the chief priests and the Pharisees a council, and said, What do we? for this man doeth many miracles.

If we let him thus alone, all men will believe on him; and the Romans shall come and take away both our place and nation.

And one of them, named Caiaphas, being the high priest that same year, said unto them, Ye know nothing at all,

Nor consider that it is expedient for us, that one man should die for the people, and that the whole nation perish not.

And this spake he not of himself: but being high priest that year, he prophesied that Jesus should die for that nation;

And not for that nation only, but that also he should gather together in one the children of God that were scattered abroad.

Then from that day forth they took counsel together for to put him to death.<sup>1</sup>

And Jesus going up to Jerusalem took the twelve disciples apart in the way, and said unto them,<sup>2</sup>

Behold, we go up to Jerusalem, and all things that are written by the prophets concerning the Son of man shall be accomplished.

For he shall be delivered unto the Gentiles, and shall be mocked, and spitefully entreated, and spitted on:

And they shall scourge him, and put him to death; and the third day he shall rise again.

And they understood none of these things: and this saying was hid from them, neither knew they the things which were spoken.<sup>3</sup>

Then Jesus six days before the passover came to Bethany in the house of Simon the leper, where Lazarus was which had been dead, whom he raised from the dead.<sup>4</sup>

There they made him a supper; and Mar-

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<sup>1</sup> John ii. 47-53.

<sup>3</sup> Luke xviii. 31-34.

<sup>2</sup> Matt. xx. 17.

<sup>4</sup> Matt. xxvi. 6.



tha served: but Lazarus was one of them that sat at the table with him.<sup>1</sup>

And as he sat at meat, there came a woman having an alabaster box of ointment of spike-nard very precious; and she brake the box and poured it on his head.<sup>2</sup>

And anointed the feet of Jesus, and wiped his feet with her hair: and the house was filled with the odor of the ointment.

Then saith one of his disciples, Judas Iscariot, Simon's son, which should betray him,

Why was not this ointment sold for three hundred pence, and given to the poor?

This he said, not that he cared for the poor; but because he was a thief, and had the bag, and bare what was put therein.<sup>3</sup>

And Jesus said, Let her alone; why trouble ye her? she hath wrought a good work on me.

For ye have the poor with you always, and whensoever ye will ye may do them good: but me ye have not always.

She hath done what she could: she is come aforehand to anoint my body to the burying.

Verily I say unto you, Wheresoever this gospel shall be preached throughout the whole world, this also that she hath done shall be spoken of for a memorial of her.<sup>4</sup>

On the next day much people that were come to the feast, when they heard that Jesus was coming to Jerusalem.<sup>5</sup>

And when they drew nigh unto Jerusalem, and were come to Bethphage, unto the mount of Olives, then sent Jesus two disciples.

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<sup>1</sup> Jno. xii. 1, 2.

<sup>4</sup> Mark xiv. 6-9

<sup>2</sup> Mark xiv. 3

<sup>3</sup> Jno. xii. 3-6.

<sup>5</sup> Jno. xii. 12.

Saying unto them, Go into the village over against you, and straightway ye shall find an ass tied, and a colt with her: loose them, and bring them unto me.

And if any man say aught unto you, ye shall say, The Lord hath need of them; and straightway he will send them.

All this was done, that it might be fulfilled which was spoken by the prophet, saying.

Tell ye the daughter of Sion, Behold, thy King cometh unto thee, meek, and sitting upon an ass, and a colt the foal of an ass.

And the disciples went, and did as Jesus commanded them,

And brought the ass, and the colt, and put on them their clothes, and they set him thereon.<sup>1</sup>

The people therefore that was with him when he called Lazarus out of his grave, and raised him from the dead, bare record.<sup>2</sup>

And many spread their garments in the way; and others cut down branches off the trees, and strewed them in the way.<sup>3</sup>

And the multitudes that went before, and that followed, cried, saying, Hosanna to the Son of David: Blessed is he that cometh in the name of the Lord; Hosanna in the highest.<sup>4</sup>

And some of the Pharisees from among the multitude said unto him, Master, rebuke thy disciples.

And he answered and said unto them, I tell you that, if these should hold their peace, the stones would immediately cry out.

And when he was come near, he beheld the city, and wept over it,

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<sup>1</sup> Matt. xxi. 1-7.

<sup>3</sup> Mark xi. 8.

<sup>2</sup> Jno. xii. 17.

<sup>4</sup> Matt. xxi. 9.

Saying, If thou hadst known, even thou, at least in this thy day, the things which belong unto thy peace! but now they are hid from thine eyes.

For the days shall come upon thee, that thine enemies shall cast a trench about thee, and compass thee round, and keep thee in on every side,

And shall lay thee even with the ground, and thy children within thee; and they shall not leave in thee one stone upon another; because thou knewest not the time of thy visitation.<sup>1</sup>

And when he was come into Jerusalem, all the city was moved, saying, Who is this?

And the multitude said, This is Jesus the prophet of Nazareth of Galilee.

And Jesus went into the temple of God, and cast out all them that sold and bought in the temple, and overthrew the tables of the money changers, and the seats of them that sold doves,

And said unto them, It is written, My house shall be called the house of prayer; but ye have made it a den of thieves.<sup>2</sup>

And it came to pass, that on one of those days, as he taught the people in the temple, and preached the gospel, the chief priests and the scribes came upon him with the elders,

And spake unto him, saying, Tell us, by what authority doest thou these things? or who is he that gave thee this authority?<sup>3</sup>

And Jesus answered and said unto them, I will also ask of you one question, and answer

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<sup>1</sup> Luke xix. 39-44.

<sup>2</sup> Matt. xxi. 10-13.

<sup>3</sup> Luke xx. 1, 2.

me, and I will tell you by what authority I do these things.<sup>1</sup>

The baptism of John, was it from heaven, or of men?

And they reasoned with themselves, saying, If we shall say, From heaven; he will say, Why then believed ye him not?

But and if we say, Of men; all the people will stone us; for they be persuaded that John was a prophet.<sup>2</sup>

And they answered Jesus, and said, We cannot tell. And he said unto them, Neither tell I you by what authority I do these things.<sup>3</sup>

Hear another parable: There was a certain householder, which planted a vineyard, and hedged it round about, and digged a winepress in it, and built a tower, and let it out to husbandmen, and went into a far country:

And when the time of the fruit drew near, he sent his servants (servant)<sup>4</sup> to the husbandmen,<sup>5</sup> that they should give him of the fruit of the vineyard: but the husbandmen beat him, and sent him away empty.<sup>6</sup>

And again he sent unto them another servant; and at him they cast stones, and wounded him in the head, and sent him away shamefully handled.

And again he sent another; and him they killed, and many others; beating some, and killing some.

Having yet therefore one son, his well beloved, he sent him also last unto them, saying, They will reverence my son.<sup>7</sup>

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<sup>1</sup> Mark xi. 29.

<sup>3</sup> Matt. xxi. 27.

<sup>5</sup> Matt. xxi. 33, 34.

<sup>7</sup> Mark xii. 4-6.

<sup>2</sup> Luke xx. 4-6.

<sup>4</sup> Luke xx. 10.

<sup>6</sup> Luke xx. 10.

But when the husbandmen saw him, they reasoned among themselves, saying, This is the heir: come, let us kill him, that the inheritance may be ours.

So they cast him out of the vineyard, and killed him. What therefore shall the lord of the vineyard do unto those husbandmen?<sup>1</sup>

They say unto him, He will miserably destroy those wicked men, and will let out his vineyard unto other husbandmen, which shall render him the fruits in their seasons.

Jesus saith unto them, Did ye never read in the Scriptures, The stone which the builders rejected, the same is become the head of the corner: this is the Lord's doing, and it is marvellous in our eyes?

Therefore say I unto you, The kingdom of God shall be taken from you, and given to a nation bringing forth the fruits thereof.

And whosoever shall fall on this stone shall be broken: but on whomsoever it shall fall, it will grind him to powder.<sup>2</sup>

O Jerusalem, Jerusalem, thou that killest the prophets, and stonest them which are sent unto thee, how often would I have gathered thy children together, even as a hen gathereth her chickens under her wings, and ye would not!

Behold, your house is left unto you desolate.

For I say unto you, Ye shall not see me henceforth, till ye shall say, Blessed is he that cometh in the name of the Lord.<sup>3</sup>

And when the chief priests and Pharisees had heard his parables, they perceived that he spake of them.

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<sup>1</sup> Luke xx. 14, 15.

<sup>2</sup> Matt. xxi. 40-44.

<sup>3</sup> Matt. xxiii. 37-39.

But when they sought to lay hands on him, they feared the multitude, because they took him for a prophet,<sup>1</sup> and they left him, and went their way.<sup>2</sup>

## PART II.

Then came the day of unleavened bread, when the passover must be killed.

And he sent Peter and John, saying, Go and prepare us the passover, that we may eat.

And they said unto him, Where wilt thou that we prepare?

And he said unto them, Behold, when ye are entered into the city, there shall a man meet you, bearing a pitcher of water; follow him into the house where he entereth in.

And ye shall say unto the good man of the house, The Master saith unto thee,<sup>3</sup>

My time is at hand; I will keep the passover at thy house with my disciples.<sup>4</sup>

And he shall show you a large upper room furnished: there make ready.<sup>5</sup>

And his disciples went forth, and came into the city, and found as he had said unto them: and they made ready the passover.<sup>6</sup>

And in the evening he sat down with the twelve.<sup>7</sup>

And he said unto them, With desire I have desired to eat this passover with you before I suffer:

For I say unto you, I will not any more

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<sup>1</sup> Matt. xxi. 45, 46

<sup>3</sup> Luke xxii. 7-11

<sup>6</sup> Luke xxii. 12.

<sup>7</sup> Matt. xxvi. 20.

<sup>2</sup> Mark xii. 12.

<sup>4</sup> Matt. xxvi. 18.

<sup>6</sup> Mark xiv. 16, 17.

eat thereof, until it be fulfilled in the kingdom of God.

And he took the cup, and gave thanks, and said, Take this, and divide it among yourselves:

For I say unto you, I will not drink of the fruit of the vine,<sup>1</sup> until that day when I drink it new with you in my Father's kingdom.<sup>2</sup>

And there was also a strife among them, which of them should be accounted the greatest.

And he said unto them, The kings of the Gentiles exercise lordship over them; and they that exercise authority upon them are called benefactors.

But ye shall not be so: but he that is greatest among you, let him be as the younger; and he that is chief, as he that doth serve.

For whether is greater, he that sitteth at meat, or he that serveth? is not he that sitteth at meat? but I am among you as he that serveth.

Ye are they which have continued with me in my temptations.

And I appoint unto you a kingdom, as my Father hath appointed unto me;

That ye may eat and drink at my table in my kingdom, and sit on thrones judging the twelve tribes of Israel.<sup>3</sup>

And supper being ended, the devil having now put into the heart of Judas Iscariot, Simon's son, to betray him;

Jesus knowing that the Father had given all things into his hands, and that he was come from God, and went to God;

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<sup>1</sup> Luke xxii. 15-18. <sup>2</sup> Matt. xxvi. 29. <sup>3</sup> Luke xxii. 24-30.

He riseth from supper, and laid aside his garments; and took a towel, and girded himself.

After that he poureth water into a basin, and began to wash the disciples' feet, and to wipe them with the towel wherewith he was girded.

Then cometh he to Simon Peter: and Peter saith unto him, Lord, dost thou wash my feet?

Jesus answered and said unto him, What I do thou knowest not now; but thou shalt know hereafter.

Peter saith unto him, Thou shalt never wash my feet. Jesus answered him, If I wash thee not, thou hast no part with me.

Simon Peter saith unto him, Lord, not my feet only, but also my hands and my head.

Jesus saith to him, He that is washed needeth not save to wash his feet, but is clean every whit: and ye are clean, but not all.

For he knew who should betray him; therefore said he, Ye are not all clean.

So after he had washed their feet, and had taken his garments, and was set down again, he said unto them, Know ye what I have done to you?

Ye call me Master and Lord: and ye say well; for so I am.

If I then, your Lord and Master, have washed your feet; ye also ought to wash one another's feet.

For I have given you an example, that ye should do as I have done to you.

Verily, verily, I say unto you, The servant is not greater than his lord; neither he that is sent greater than he that sent him.



If ye know these things, happy are ye if ye do them.<sup>1</sup>

When Jesus had thus said, he was troubled in spirit, and testified, and said, Verily, verily, I say unto you, that one of you shall betray me.

Then the disciples looked one on another, doubting of whom he spake.<sup>2</sup>

Then Judas, which betrayed him, answered and said, Master, is it I? He said unto him, Thou hast said.<sup>3</sup>

Now there was leaning on Jesus' bosom one of his disciples, whom Jesus loved.

Simon Peter therefore beckoned to him, that he should ask who it should be of whom he spake.

He then lying on Jesus' breast saith unto him, Lord, who is it?

Jesus answered, He it is, to whom I shall give a sop, when I have dipped it. And when he had dipped the sop, he gave it to Judas Iscariot, the son of Simon.

And after the sop Satan entered into him. Then said Jesus unto him, That thou doest, do quickly.

Now no man at the table knew for what intent he spake this unto him.

For some of them thought, because Judas had the bag, that Jesus had said unto him, Buy those things that we have need of against the feast; or, that he should give something to the poor.

He then, having received the sop, went immediately out; and it was night.<sup>4</sup>

And the Lord said, Simon, Simon, behold,

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<sup>1</sup> Jno. xiii. 2-17.

<sup>3</sup> Matt. xxvi. 25.

<sup>2</sup> Jno. xiii. 21, 22.

<sup>4</sup> Jno. xiii. 23-30.

Satan hath desired to have you, that he may sift you as wheat:

But I have prayed for thee, that thy faith fail not: and when thou art converted, strengthen thy brethren.

And he said unto him, Lord, I am ready to go with thee, both into prison, and to death.

And he said, I tell thee, Peter, the cock shall not crow this day, before that thou shalt thrice deny that thou knowest me.<sup>1</sup>

And as they did eat, Jesus took bread, and blessed, and brake it, and gave to<sup>2</sup> the disciples, and said, Take, eat: this is my body,<sup>3</sup> which is given for you: this do in remembrance of me.<sup>4</sup>

After the same manner also he took the cup, when he had supped,<sup>5</sup> and gave thanks, and gave it to them, saying, Drink ye all of it:<sup>6</sup> This cup is the New Testament in my blood,<sup>7</sup> which is shed for you:<sup>8</sup> and for many for the remission of sins,<sup>9</sup> this do ye, as oft as you drink it, in remembrance of me;<sup>10</sup> and they all drank of it.<sup>11</sup>

And when they had sung a hymn they went out into the Mount of Olives.<sup>12</sup>

### PART III.

These words spake Jesus, and lifted up his eyes to heaven, and said, Father, the hour is come; glorify thy Son, that thy Son also may glorify thee:

<sup>1</sup> Luke xxii. 31-34.

<sup>3</sup> Matt. xxvi. 26.

<sup>5</sup> 1 Cor. xi. 25.

<sup>7</sup> 1 Cor. xi. 25.

<sup>9</sup> Matt. xxvi. 28.

<sup>11</sup> Mark xiv. 23.

<sup>2</sup> Mark xiv. 22.

<sup>4</sup> Luke xxii. 19.

<sup>6</sup> Matt. xxvi. 27.

<sup>8</sup> Luke xxii. 20.

<sup>10</sup> 1 Cor. xi. 25.

<sup>12</sup> Mark xiv. 26.

As thou hast given him power over all flesh, that he should give eternal life to as many as thou hast given him.

And this is life eternal, that they might know thee the only true God, and Jesus Christ, whom thou hast sent.

I have glorified thee on the earth: I have finished the work which thou gavest me to do.

And now, O Father, glorify thou me with thine own self with the glory which I had with thee before the world was.

I have manifested thy name unto the men which thou gavest me out of the world: thine they were, and thou gavest them me; and they have kept thy word.

Now they have known that all things whatsoever thou hast given me are of thee.

For I have given unto them the words which thou gavest me; and they have received them, and have known surely that I came out from thee, and they have believed that thou didst send me.

I pray for them: I pray not for the world, but for them which thou hast given me; for they are thine.

And all mine are thine, and thine are mine; and I am glorified in them.

And now I am no more in the world, but these are in the world, and I come to thee. Holy Father, keep through thine own name those whom thou hast given me, that they may be one, as we are.

While I was with them in the world, I kept them in thy name: those that thou gavest me I have kept, and none of them is lost, but the son of perdition; that the Scripture might be fulfilled.

And now come I to thee; and these things I speak in the world, that they might have my joy fulfilled in themselves.

I have given them thy word; and the world hath hated them, because they are not of the world, even as I am not of the world.

I pray not that thou shouldest take them out of the world, but that thou shouldest keep them from the evil.

They are not of the world, even as I am not of the world.

Sanctify them through thy truth: thy word is truth.

As thou hast sent me into the world, even so have I also sent them into the world.

And for their sakes I sanctify myself, that they also might be sanctified through the truth.

Neither pray I for these alone, but for them also which shall believe on me through their word;

That they all may be one; as thou, Father, art in me, and I in thee, that they also may be one in us: that the world may believe that thou hast sent me.

And the glory which thou gavest me I have given them; that they may be one, even as we are one:

I in them, and thou in me, that they may be made perfect in one; and that the world may know that thou hast sent me, and hast loved them, as thou hast loved me.

Father, I will that they also, whom thou hast given me, be with me where I am; that they may behold my glory, which thou hast given me: for thou lovedst me before the foundation of the world.

O righteous Father, the world hath not

known thee: but I have known thee, and these have known that thou hast sent me.

And I have declared unto them thy name, and will declare it; that the love wherewith thou hast loved me may be in them, and I in them.<sup>1</sup>

When Jesus had spoken these words, he went forth with his disciples over the brook Cedron, where was a garden,<sup>2</sup> which was named Gethsemane:<sup>3</sup> into which he entered,<sup>4</sup> and saith unto the disciples, Sit ye here, while I go and pray yonder.

And he took with him Peter and the two sons of Zebedee, and began to be sorrowful and very heavy.

Then saith he unto them, My soul is exceeding sorrowful, even unto death: tarry ye here, and watch with me.<sup>5</sup>

And he was withdrawn from them about a stone's cast, and kneeled down, and prayed.<sup>6</sup>

And he went a little further, and fell on his face, and prayed, saying, O my Father, if it be possible, let this cup pass from me: nevertheless, not as I will, but as thou wilt.

And he cometh unto the disciples, and findeth them asleep, and saith unto Peter, What, could ye not watch with me one hour?

Watch and pray, that ye enter not into temptation: the spirit indeed is willing, but the flesh is weak.

He went away again the second time, and prayed, saying, O my Father, if this cup may not pass away from me, except I drink it, thy will be done.

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<sup>1</sup> Jno. xvii.

<sup>2</sup> Mark xiv. 32.

<sup>5</sup> Matt. xxvi. 36-38.

<sup>2</sup> Jno. xviii. 1.

<sup>4</sup> Jno. xviii. 1.

<sup>6</sup> Luke xxii. 41.

And he came and found them asleep again: for their eyes were heavy,<sup>1</sup> neither wist they what to answer him.<sup>2</sup>

And he left them, and went away again, and prayed the third time, saying the same words.<sup>3</sup>

Father, if thou be willing, remove this cup from me: nevertheless, not my will, but thine, be done.

And there appeared an angel unto him from heaven, strengthening him.

And being in an agony he prayed more earnestly: and his sweat was as it were great drops of blood falling down to the ground.

And when he rose up from prayer, and was come to his disciples, he found them sleeping for sorrow,

And said unto them, Why sleep ye? rise and pray, lest ye enter into temptation.<sup>4</sup>

Sleep on now, and take your rest: behold, the hour is at hand, and the Son of man is betrayed into the hands of sinners.

Rise, let us be going: behold, he is at hand that doth betray me.

And while he yet spake, lo, Judas, one of the twelve, came, and with him a great multitude with swords and staves, from the chief priests and elders of the people.

Now he that betrayed him gave them a sign, saying, Whomsoever I shall kiss, that same is he; hold him fast.<sup>5</sup>

Jesus therefore, knowing all things that should come upon him, went forth, and said unto them, Whom seek ye?

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<sup>1</sup> Matt. xxvi. 39-43.

<sup>2</sup> Mark xiv. 40.

<sup>3</sup> Matt. xxvi. 44.

<sup>4</sup> Luke xxii. 42-46.

<sup>5</sup> Matt. xxvi. 45-48.

They answered him, Jesus of Nazareth. Jesus saith unto them, I am he. And Judas also, which betrayed him, stood with them.

As soon then as he had said unto them, I am he, they went backward, and fell to the ground.

Then asked he them again, Whom seek ye? And they said, Jesus of Nazareth.

Jesus answered, I have told you that I am he: if therefore ye seek me, let these go their way:

That the saying might be fulfilled, which he spake, Of them which thou gavest me have I lost none.<sup>1</sup>

And forthwith he came to Jesus, and said, Hail, Master; and kissed him.<sup>2</sup>

But Jesus said unto him, Judas, betrayest thou the Son of man with a kiss?

When they which were about him saw what would follow, they said unto him, Lord, shall we smite with the sword?

And one of them smote the servant of the high priest, and cut off his right ear.<sup>3</sup> The servant's name was Malchus.<sup>4</sup>

And Jesus answered and said, Suffer ye thus far. And he touched his ear, and healed him.<sup>5</sup>

Then said Jesus unto him, Put up again thy sword into his place: for all they that take the sword shall perish with the sword.

Thinkest thou that I cannot now pray to my Father, and he shall presently give me more than twelve legions of angels?

But how then shall the Scriptures be fulfilled, that thus it must be?

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<sup>1</sup> Jno. xviii. 4-9.

<sup>2</sup> Matt. xxvi. 49.

<sup>3</sup> Luke xxii. 48-50.

<sup>4</sup> Jno. xviii. 10.

<sup>5</sup> Luke xxii. 51.

In that same hour said Jesus to the multitudes, Are ye come out as against a thief with swords and staves for to take me? I sat daily with you teaching in the temple, and ye laid no hold on me,<sup>1</sup> but this is your hour, and the power of darkness.<sup>2</sup>

But all this was done, that the Scriptures of the prophets might be fulfilled. Then all the disciples forsook him, and fled.

And they that had laid hold on Jesus led him away to Caiaphas the high priest, where the scribes and the elders were assembled.

But Peter followed him afar off unto the high priest's palace, and went in, and sat with the servants, to see the end.<sup>3</sup>

#### PART IV.

Then the band and the captain and officers of the Jews took Jesus, and bound him,

And led him away to Annas first; for he was father-in-law to Caiaphas, which was the high priest that same year.

Now Caiaphas was he, which gave counsel to the Jews, that it was expedient that one man should die for the people.

And Simon Peter followed Jesus, and so did another disciple: that disciple was known unto the high priest, and went in with Jesus into the palace of the high priest.<sup>4</sup>

The high priest then asked Jesus of his disciples, and of his doctrine.

Jesus answered him, I spake openly to the world; I ever taught in the synagogue, and

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<sup>1</sup> Matt. xxvi. 52-55.

<sup>3</sup> Matt. xxvi. 56-58.

<sup>2</sup> Luke xxii. 53.

<sup>4</sup> Jno. xviii. 12-15.



in the temple, whither the Jews always resort; and in secret have I said nothing.

Why askest thou me? ask them which heard me, what I have said unto them: behold, they know what I said.

And when he had thus spoken, one of the officers which stood by struck Jesus with the palm of his hand, saying, Answerest thou the high priest so?

Jesus answered him, If I have spoken evil, bear witness of the evil: but if well, why smitest thou me?

Now Annas had sent him bound unto Caiaphas the high priest,<sup>1</sup> where all the chief priests and the<sup>2</sup> scribes and the elders were assembled.<sup>3</sup>

And Simon Peter followed Jesus, and so did another disciple. That disciple was known unto the high priest, and went in with Jesus into the palace of the high priest.<sup>4</sup>

Now the chief priests, and elders, and all the council, sought false witness against Jesus, to put him to death; but found none.<sup>5</sup>

For many bare false witness against him, but their witness agreed not together.<sup>6</sup>

Yea, though many false witnesses came, yet found they none. At the last came two false witnesses,

And said, This fellow said, I am able to destroy the temple of God, and to build it in three days.<sup>7</sup>

And the high priest stood up in the midst,

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<sup>1</sup> Jno. xviii. 19-24.

<sup>3</sup> Matt. xxvi. 57.

<sup>5</sup> Matt. xxvi. 59, 60.

<sup>7</sup> Matt. xxvi. 60, 61.

<sup>2</sup> Mark xiv. 53.

<sup>4</sup> Jno. xviii. 15.

<sup>6</sup> Mark xiv. 56.

and asked Jesus, saying, Answerest thou nothing? what is it which these witness against thee?

But he held his peace, and answered nothing. Again the high priest asked him, and said unto him, Art thou the Christ, the Son of the Blessed?<sup>1</sup>

But Jesus held his peace. And the high priest answered, and said unto him, I adjure thee by the living God that thou tell us whether thou be the Christ, the Son of God.

Jesus saith unto him, Thou hast said: I am;<sup>2</sup> nevertheless I say unto you, Hereafter shall ye see the Son of man sitting on the right hand of power, and coming in the clouds of heaven.

Then the high priest rent his clothes, saying, He hath spoken blasphemy; what further need have we of witnesses? behold, now ye have heard his blasphemy.

What think ye? They answered and said, He is guilty of death.

Then did they spit in his face, and buffeted him; and others smote him with the palms of their hands,

Saying, Prophecy unto us, thou Christ: Who is he that smote thee?<sup>3</sup>

But Peter stood at the door without. Then went out that other disciple, which was known unto the high priest, and spake unto her that kept the door, and brought in Peter.

Then saith the damsel that kept the door unto Peter, Art not thou also one of this man's disciples? He saith, I am not.<sup>4</sup>

But Peter followed him afar off unto the

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<sup>1</sup> Mark xiv. 60, 61.

<sup>3</sup> Matt. xxvi. 63-68.

<sup>2</sup> Mark xiv. 62.

<sup>4</sup> Jno. xviii. 16, 17.

high priest's palace, and went in, and sat with the servants to see the end.<sup>1</sup>

And the servants and officers stood there, who had made a fire of coals, for it was cold; and they warmed themselves: and Peter stood with them, and warmed himself.<sup>2</sup>

And a damsel came unto him, saying, Thou also wast with Jesus of Galilee.<sup>3</sup>

But he denied before them all,<sup>4</sup> saying, I know not, neither understand I what thou sayest. And he went out into the porch; and the cock crew.<sup>5</sup>

And about the space of one hour after another confidently affirmed, saying, Of a truth this fellow also was with him; for he is a Galilean.<sup>6</sup>

One of the servants of the high priest, being his kinsman whose ear Peter cut off, saith, Did not I see thee in the garden with him?<sup>7</sup>

And after a while came unto him they that stood by, and said to Peter, Surely thou also art one of them; for thy speech bewrayeth thee.

Then began he to curse and to swear, saying, I know not the man,<sup>8</sup> of whom you speak.<sup>9</sup>

I know not what thou sayest, And immediately, while he yet spake, the cock crew.<sup>10</sup>

And Peter called to mind the word that Jesus said unto him, Before the cock crow twice, thou shalt deny me thrice.<sup>11</sup>

And Peter went out, and wept bitterly.<sup>12</sup>

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<sup>1</sup> Matt. xxvi. 58.

<sup>3</sup> Matt. xxvi. 69.

<sup>5</sup> Mark xiv. 68.

<sup>7</sup> Jno. xviii. 26.

<sup>9</sup> Mark xiv. 71.

<sup>11</sup> Mark xiv. 72.

<sup>2</sup> Jno. xviii. 18.

<sup>4</sup> Matt. xxvi. 70.

<sup>6</sup> Luke xxii. 59.

<sup>8</sup> Matt. xxvi. 73, 74.

<sup>10</sup> Luke xxii. 60.

<sup>12</sup> Luke xxii. 62.

When the morning was come, the whole multitude of them arose,<sup>1</sup> all the chief priests and elders of the people took council against Jesus to put him to death.<sup>2</sup>

And they bound Jesus, and carried him away<sup>3</sup> from Caiaphas unto the hall of judgment,<sup>4</sup> and delivered him to Pontius Pilate the Governor,<sup>5</sup> and they themselves went not into the judgment hall lest they should be defiled, but that they might eat the pass-over.<sup>6</sup>

Then Judas, which had betrayed him, when he saw that he was condemned, repented himself, and brought again the thirty pieces of silver to the chief priests and elders,

Saying, I have sinned in that I have betrayed the innocent blood. And they said, What is that to us? see thou to that.

And he cast down the pieces of silver in the temple, and departed, and went and hanged himself.

And the chief priests took the silver pieces, and said, It is not lawful for to put them into the treasury, because it is the price of blood.

And they took counsel, and bought with them the potter's field, to bury strangers in.

Wherefore that field was called, The field of blood, unto this day.

Then was fulfilled that which was spoken by Jeremy the prophet, saying, And they took the thirty pieces of silver, the price of him that was valued, whom they of the children of Israel did value;

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<sup>1</sup> Luke xxiii. 1.

<sup>3</sup> Mark xv. 1.

<sup>6</sup> Matt. xxvii. 2.

<sup>2</sup> Matt. xxvii. 1.

<sup>4</sup> Jno. xviii. 28.

<sup>6</sup> Jno. xviii. 28.

And gave them for the potter's field, as the Lord appointed me.<sup>1</sup>

## PART V.

Pilate then went out unto them, and said, What accusation bring ye against this man?

They answered and said unto him, If he were not a malefactor, we would not have delivered him up unto thee.

Then said Pilate unto them, Take ye him, and judge him according to your law. The Jews therefore said unto him, It is not lawful for us to put any man to death :

That the saying of Jesus might be fulfilled, which he spake, signifying what death he should die.<sup>2</sup>

And they began to accuse him, saying, We found this fellow perverting the nation, and forbidding to give tribute to Cæsar, saying that he himself is Christ a king.<sup>3</sup>

Then Pilate entered into the judgment hall again, and called Jesus, and said unto him, Art thou the King of the Jews?

Jesus answered him, Sayest thou this thing of thyself, or did others tell it thee of me?

Pilate answered, Am I a Jew? Thine own nation, and the chief priests, have delivered thee unto me. What hast thou done?

Jesus answered, My kingdom is not of this world. If my kingdom were of this world, then would my servants fight, that I should not be delivered to the Jews: but now is my kingdom not from hence.

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<sup>1</sup> Matt. xxvii. 3-10.

<sup>2</sup> Jno. xviii. 29-32.

<sup>3</sup> Luke xxiii. 2.

Pilate therefore said unto him, Art thou a king then? Jesus answered, Thou sayest that I am a king. To this end was I born, and for this cause came I into the world, that I should bear witness unto the truth. Every one that is of the truth heareth my voice.

Pilate saith unto him, What is truth? And when he had said this, he went out again unto the Jews, and saith unto them, I find in him no fault at all.<sup>1</sup>

And when he was accused of the chief priests and elders, he answered nothing.

Then said Pilate unto him, Hearest thou not how many things they witness against thee?

And he answered him to never a word; insomuch that the governor marvelled greatly.<sup>2</sup>

And they were the more fierce, saying, He stirreth up the people, teaching throughout all Jewry, beginning from Galilee to this place.<sup>3</sup>

When Pilate heard of Galilee, he asked whether the man were a Galilean.

And as soon as he knew that he belonged unto Herod's jurisdiction he sent him to Herod, who himself also was at Jerusalem at that time.

And when Herod saw Jesus he was exceeding glad: for he was desirous to see him of a long season, because he had heard many things of him; and he hoped to have seen some miracle done by him.

Then he questioned with him in many words; but he answered him nothing.

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<sup>1</sup> Jno. xviii. 33-38.

<sup>2</sup> Matt. xxvii. 12-14.

<sup>3</sup> Luke xxiii. 5.

And the chief priests and scribes stood, and vehemently accused him.

And Herod with his men of war set him at nought, and mocked him, and arrayed him in a gorgeous robe, and sent him again to Pilate.

And the same day Pilate and Herod were made friends together; for before they were at enmity between themselves.

And Pilate, when he had called together the chief priests, and the rulers, and the people,

Said unto them, Ye have brought this man unto me, as one that perverteth the people: and, behold, I, having examined him before you, have found no fault in this man touching those things whereof ye accuse him;

No, nor yet Herod: for I sent you to him; and, lo, nothing worthy of death is done unto him:

I will therefore chastise him, and release him.<sup>1</sup>

Now at that feast the governor was wont to release unto the people a prisoner, whom they would.

And they had then a notable prisoner, called Barabbas,<sup>2</sup> that for sedition and murder was cast into prison, whom they had desired;<sup>3</sup>

And the multitude crying aloud began to desire him to do as he had ever done unto them.

But Pilate answered them, saying, Will ye that I release unto you the King of the Jews?<sup>4</sup>

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<sup>1</sup> Luke xxiii. 6-16.

<sup>2</sup> Matt. xxvii. 15, 16

<sup>3</sup> Luke xxiii. 25.

<sup>4</sup> Mark xv. 8, 9.

Therefore when they were gathered together, Pilate said unto them, Whom will ye that I release unto you? Barabbas, or Jesus which is called Christ?

For he knew that for envy the chief priests<sup>1</sup> had delivered him.<sup>2</sup>

When he was set down on the judgment seat, his wife sent unto him, saying, Have thou nothing to do with that just man: for I have suffered many things this day in a dream because of him.<sup>3</sup>

But the chief priests moved the people, that he should rather release Barabbas unto them.

And Pilate answered and said again unto them, What will ye then that I shall do unto him whom ye call the King of the Jews?<sup>4</sup>

But they cried, saying, Crucify him, crucify him.

And he said unto them the third time, Why, what evil hath he done? I have found no cause of death in him: I will therefore chastise him, and let him go.<sup>5</sup>

And they cried out the more exceedingly Crucify him.<sup>6</sup>

And they were instant with loud voices, requiring that he might be crucified: and the voices of them and of the chief priests prevailed.<sup>7</sup>

Then Pilate therefore took Jesus, and scourged him.<sup>8</sup>

And the soldiers led him away into the

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<sup>1</sup> Mark xv. 10.

<sup>2</sup> Matt. xxvii. 19.

<sup>5</sup> Luke xxiii. 21, 22.

<sup>7</sup> Luke xxiii. 23.

<sup>2</sup> Matt. xxvii. 17, 18.

<sup>4</sup> Mark xv. 11, 12.

<sup>6</sup> Mark xv. 14.

<sup>8</sup> Jno. xix. 1.



hall, called Pretorium; and they call together the whole band.<sup>1</sup>

And they stripped him, and put on him a scarlet robe.

And when they had platted a crown of thorns, they put it upon his head, and a reed in his right hand; and they bowed the knee before him, and mocked him, saying, Hail, King of the Jews!<sup>2</sup> and they smote him with their hands.

Pilate therefore went forth again, and saith unto them, Behold, I bring him forth to you, that ye may know that I find no fault in him.

Then came Jesus forth, wearing the crown of thorns, and the purple robe. And Pilate saith unto them, Behold the man.

When the chief priests therefore and officers saw him, they cried out, saying, Crucify him, crucify him. Pilate saith unto them, Take ye him, and crucify him: for I find no fault in him.

The Jews answered him, We have a law, and by our law he ought to die, because he made himself the Son of God.

When Pilate therefore heard that saying, he was the more afraid;

And went again into the judgment hall, and saith unto Jesus, Whence art thou? But Jesus gave him no answer.

Then saith Pilate unto him, Speakest thou not unto me? knowest thou not that I have power to crucify thee, and have power to release thee?

Jesus answered, Thou couldest have no power at all against me, except it were given

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<sup>1</sup> Mark xv. 16.

<sup>2</sup> Matt. xxvii. 28, 29.

thee from above: therefore he that delivered me unto thee hath the greater sin.

And from thenceforth Pilate sought to release him: but the Jews cried out, saying, If thou let this man go, thou art not Cæsar's friend: whosoever maketh himself a king speaketh against Cæsar.

When Pilate therefore heard that saying, he brought Jesus forth, and sat down in the judgment seat in a place that is called the Pavement, but in the Hebrew, Gabbatha.

And it was the preparation of the passover, and about the sixth hour: and he saith unto the Jews, Behold your King!

But they cried out, Away with him, away with him, crucify him. Pilate saith unto them, Shall I crucify your King? The chief priests answered, We have no king but Cæsar.<sup>1</sup>

When Pilate saw that he could prevail nothing, but that rather a tumult was made, he took water, and washed his hands before the multitude, saying, I am innocent of the blood of this just person; see ye to it.

Then answered all the people, and said, His blood be on us, and on our children.

Then released he Barabbas unto them: and, when he had scourged Jesus, he delivered him to be crucified.<sup>2</sup>

## PART VI.

Then the soldiers of the governor took Jesus into the common hall, and gathered unto him the whole band of soldiers.

And they spit upon him, and took the reed, and smote him on the head.

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<sup>1</sup> Jno. xix. 3-15.

<sup>2</sup> Matt. xxvii. 24-26.

And after that they had mocked him they took the robe off from him, and put his own raiment on him, and led him away to crucify him.<sup>1</sup>

And there were also two others, malefactors, led with him to be put to death.<sup>2</sup>

And he bearing his cross went forth :<sup>3</sup>

And as they came out they found a man of Cyrene, Simon by name ;<sup>4</sup> coming out of the country, and on him they laid the cross, that he might bear it after Jesus.

And there followed him a great company of people, and of women, which also bewailed and lamented him.

But Jesus turning unto them said, Daughters of Jerusalem, weep not for me, but weep for yourselves, and for your children.

For, behold, the days are coming, in the which they shall say, Blessed are the barren, and the wombs that never bare, and the paps which never gave suck.

Then shall they begin to say to the mountains, Fall on us ; and to the hills, Cover us.

For if they do these things in a green tree, what shall be done in the dry ?<sup>5</sup>

And when they were come unto a place called Golgotha, that is to say, a place of a skull,<sup>6</sup> they gave him to drink wine mingled with myrrh : but he received it not.<sup>7</sup>

Then said Jesus, Father, forgive them ; for they know not what they do.<sup>8</sup>

And it was the third hour, and they crucified him.<sup>9</sup>

<sup>1</sup> Matt. xxvii. 27-31.

<sup>3</sup> Jno. xix. 17.

<sup>5</sup> Luke xxiii. 26-31.

<sup>7</sup> Mark xv. 23.

<sup>9</sup> Mark xvi. 25.

<sup>2</sup> Luke xxiii. 32.

<sup>4</sup> Matt. xxvii. 32.

<sup>6</sup> Matt. xxvii. 33.

<sup>8</sup> Luke xxiii. 34.

And Pilate wrote a title, and put it on the cross. And the writing was, JESUS OF NAZARETH THE KING OF THE JEWS.

This title then read many of the Jews; for the place where Jesus was crucified was nigh to the city: and it was written in Hebrew, and Greek, and Latin.

Then said the chief priests of the Jews to Pilate, Write not, The King of the Jews; but that he said, I am King of the Jews.

Pilate answered, What I have written I have written.

Then the soldiers, when they had crucified Jesus, took his garments, and made four parts, to every soldier a part; and also his coat: now the coat was without seam, woven from the top throughout.

They said therefore among themselves, Let us not rend it, but cast lots for it, whose it shall be: that the Scripture might be fulfilled, which saith, They parted my raiment among them, and for my vesture they did cast lots. These things therefore the soldiers did.<sup>1</sup>

And sitting down they watched him there:<sup>2</sup>

And the people stood beholding. And the rulers also with them derided him, saying, He saved others; let him save himself, if he be Christ, the chosen of God.<sup>3</sup>

Now there stood by the cross of Jesus his mother, and his mother's sister, Mary the wife of Cleopas, and Mary Magdalene.

When Jesus, therefore, saw his mother,

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<sup>1</sup> Jno. xix. 19-24.

<sup>2</sup> Matt. xxvii. 36.

<sup>3</sup> Luke xxiii. 35.

and the disciple standing by whom he loved, he saith unto his mother, Woman, behold thy son!

Then saith he to the disciple, Behold thy mother! and from that hour that disciple took her unto his own home.<sup>1</sup>

And they that passed by reviled him, wagging their heads,<sup>2</sup> and saying, Ah, thou that destroyest the temple, and buildest it in three days, save thyself. If thou be the Son of God, come down from the cross.

Likewise also the chief priests mocking him, with the scribes and elders, said,

He saved others; himself he cannot save. If he be the King of Israel, let him now come down from the cross, and we will believe him.

He trusted in God; let him deliver him now, if he will have him: for he said, I am the Son of God.

The thieves also, which were crucified with him, cast the same in his teeth.<sup>3</sup>

And one of the malefactors which were hanged railed on him, saying, If thou be Christ, save thyself and us.

But the other answering rebuked him, saying, Dost not thou fear God, seeing thou art in the same condemnation?

And we indeed justly; for we receive the due reward of our deeds: but this man hath done nothing amiss.

And he said unto Jesus, Lord, remember me when thou comest into thy kingdom.

And Jesus said unto him, Verily I say unto thee, To-day shalt thou be with me in paradise.

<sup>1</sup> Jno. xix. 25-27.

<sup>2</sup> Matt. xxvii. 39.

<sup>3</sup> Matt. xxvii. 40-44.

And it was about the sixth hour, and there was a darkness over all the earth until the ninth hour.

And the sun was darkened, and the vail of the temple was rent in the midst.<sup>1</sup>

And about the ninth hour Jesus cried with a loud voice, saying, Eli, Eli, lama sabachthani? that is to say, My God, my God, why hast thou forsaken me?<sup>2</sup>

And some of them that stood by, when they heard it, said, Behold, he calleth Elias.<sup>3</sup>

After this, Jesus knowing that all things were now accomplished, that the scripture might be fulfilled, saith, I thirst.

Now there was set a vessel full of vinegar;<sup>4</sup>

And straightway one of them ran, and took a sponge, and filled it with vinegar, and put it on a reed, and gave him to drink.

The rest said, Let be, let us see whether Elias will come to save him.<sup>5</sup>

When Jesus therefore had received the vinegar, he said, It is finished: and<sup>6</sup> cried with a loud voice, Father, into thy hands I commend my spirit: and having said thus,<sup>7</sup> he bowed his head and gave up the ghost.<sup>8</sup>

And, behold, the vail of the temple was rent in twain from the top to the bottom; and the earth did quake, and the rocks rent;

And the graves were opened; and many bodies of the saints which slept arose,

And came out of the graves after his resurrection, and went into the holy city, and appeared unto many.

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<sup>1</sup> Luke xxiii. 39-45

<sup>3</sup> Mark xv. 35.

<sup>5</sup> Matt. xxvii. 48, 49.

<sup>7</sup> Luke xxiii. 46.

<sup>2</sup> Matt. xxvii. 46.

<sup>4</sup> Jno. xix. 28, 29.

<sup>6</sup> Jno. xix. 30.

<sup>8</sup> Jno. xix. 30.

Now when the centurion, and they that were with him, watching Jesus, saw the earthquake, and those things that were done,<sup>1</sup> that he so cried out, and gave up the ghost,<sup>2</sup> he glorified God, saying, Certainly this was a righteous man.<sup>3</sup>

Truly this man was the Son of God.<sup>4</sup>

And all the people that came together to that sight, beholding the things which were done, smote their breasts, and returned.<sup>5</sup>

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And all his acquaintance, and the women that followed him from Galilee, stood afar off, beholding these things.<sup>6</sup>

Among which was Mary Magdalene, and Mary the mother of James the Less,<sup>7</sup> and Joses, and Salome,<sup>8</sup> the mother of Zebedee's children.<sup>9</sup>

Who also, when he was in Galilee, followed him, and ministered unto him; and many other women which came up with him unto Jerusalem.<sup>10</sup>

The Jews therefore, because it was the preparation, that the bodies should not remain upon the cross on the sabbath day, (for that sabbath day was a high day,) besought Pilate that their legs might be broken, and that they might be taken away.

Then came the soldiers, and brake the legs of the first, and of the other which was crucified with him.

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<sup>1</sup> Matt. xxvii. 51-54.

<sup>3</sup> Luke xxiii. 47.

<sup>5</sup> Luke xxiii. 48.

<sup>7</sup> Mark xv. 40.

<sup>9</sup> Matt. xxvii. 56.

<sup>2</sup> Mark xv. 39.

<sup>4</sup> Mark xv. 39.

<sup>6</sup> Luke xxiii. 49.

<sup>8</sup> Mark xv. 40.

<sup>10</sup> Mark xv. 41.

But when they came to Jesus, and saw that he was dead already, they brake not his legs:

But one of the soldiers with a spear pierced his side, and forthwith came there out blood and water.

And he that saw it bare record, and his record is true; and he knoweth that he saith true, that ye might believe.

For these things were done, that the Scripture should be fulfilled, A bone of him shall not be broken.

And again another Scripture saith, They shall look on him whom they pierced.<sup>1</sup>

When the even was come, there came a rich man of Arimathea, named Joseph,<sup>2</sup> an honorable counsellor, which also waited for the kingdom of God; and he was a good man, and a just:

(The same had not consented to the counsel and deed of them:)<sup>3</sup> being a disciple of Jesus, but secretly for fear of the Jews,<sup>4</sup> came, and went in boldly unto Pilate, and craved the body of Jesus.<sup>5</sup>

And Pilate marvelled if he were already dead: and calling unto him the centurion, he asked him whether he had been any while dead.

And when he knew it of the centurion, he gave the body to Joseph.

And he bought fine linen.<sup>6</sup>

And there came also Nicodemus, (which at the first came to Jesus by night,) and brought a mixture of myrrh and aloes, about a hundred pound weight.

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<sup>1</sup> Jno. xix. 31-37.

<sup>2</sup> Matt. xxvii. 57.

<sup>3</sup> Luke xxiii. 50, 51.

<sup>4</sup> Jno. xix. 38.

<sup>5</sup> Mark xv. 43.

<sup>6</sup> Mark xv. 43-46.



Then took they the body of Jesus, and wound it in linen clothes with the spices, as the manner of the Jews is to bury.

Now in the place where he was crucified there was a garden; and in the garden a new sepulchre,<sup>1</sup> which he had hewn out in the rock:<sup>2</sup> wherein never man before was laid.<sup>3</sup>

There laid they Jesus therefore because of the Jews' preparation day; for the sepulchre was nigh at hand.<sup>4</sup>

And he rolled a great stone to the door of the sepulchre, and departed.

And there was Mary Magdalene, and the other Mary, sitting over against the sepulchre.<sup>5</sup>

And the women also, which came with him from Galilee, followed after, and beheld the sepulchre, and how his body was laid.

And they returned and prepared spices and ointments; and rested the sabbath day according to the commandment.<sup>6</sup>

Now the next day that followed the day of the preparation, the chief priests and Pharisees came together unto Pilate,

Saying, Sir, we remember that that deceiver said, while he was yet alive, After three days I will rise again.

Command therefore that the sepulchre be made sure until the third day, lest his disciples come by night, and steal him away, and say unto the people, He is risen from the dead: so the last error shall be worse than the first.

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<sup>1</sup> Jno. xix. 39-41.

<sup>2</sup> Luke xxiii. 53.

<sup>3</sup> Matt. xxvii. 60, 61.

<sup>4</sup> Matt. xxvii. 60.

<sup>5</sup> Jno. xix. 42.

<sup>6</sup> Luke xxiii. 55, 56.

Pilate said unto them, Ye have a watch: go your way, make it as sure as ye can.

So they went, and made the sepulchre sure, sealing the stone, and setting a watch.<sup>1</sup>

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<sup>1</sup> Matt. xxvii. 62-66.

## PART III.

### THE CONFESSIONS OF THE EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH.

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*“If thou shalt confess with thy mouth the Lord Jesus, and shalt believe in thine heart that God hath raised him from the dead, thou shalt be saved.”—PAUL.*



## CONFESSIONS.

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### I.—*The Apostolic Confession.*

I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth.

And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended into hell; on the third day He arose again from the dead; He ascended into heaven, and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty, from thence He shall come to judge the quick and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy Christian church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.



### II.—*The Nicene Confession.*

I believe in one God only, the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, and of all things visible and invisible.

And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of His Father, before all worlds; God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God, begotten, not made, consubstantial with the Father, by

whom all things were made; who for us men, and for our salvation, came down from heaven, and was incarnate by the Holy Ghost of the Virgin Mary, and was made man, and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate. He suffered and was buried, and the third day He rose again, according to the Scriptures, ascended into heaven, and sits at the right hand of the Father; and He shall come again, with glory, to judge both the living and the dead; whose kingdom shall have no end.

And I believe in the Holy Ghost, the Lord and Giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son; who with the Father and the Son, is worshipped and glorified, who spoke by the prophets. And I believe in one holy Christian Apostolic Church. I acknowledge one baptism for the remission of sins; and I look for the resurrection of the dead, and life in the world to come. Amen.



### III.—The Athanasian Confession.

Whosoever will be saved, before all things, it is necessary that he hold the true Christian faith.

Which faith except every one do keep whole and undefiled, without doubt he shall perish everlastingly.

But this is the true Christian faith: That we worship one God only in Trinity, and Trinity in Unity.

Neither confounding the persons, nor dividing the essence.

For there is one person of the Father, another of the Son, and another of the Holy Ghost.

But the Godhead of the Father, of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost, is all one: the Glory equal, the Majesty co-eternal.

Such as the Father is, such is the Son, and such is the Holy Ghost.

The Father is uncreated, the Son uncreated, the Holy Ghost uncreated.

The Father is incomprehensible, the Son incomprehensible, and the Holy Ghost incomprehensible.

The Father is eternal, the Son eternal, the Holy Ghost eternal.

And yet there are not three eternals, but one eternal.

As also there are not three uncreated Beings, nor three incomprehensible Beings: but one uncreated, and one incomprehensible.

So likewise the Father is Almighty, the Son Almighty, and the Holy Ghost Almighty.

And yet there is not three Almightyes, but one Almighty.

So the Father is God, the Son is God, and the Holy Ghost is God.

And yet there are not three Gods, but one God.

So likewise the Father is Lord, the Son is Lord, and the Holy Ghost Lord.

And yet there are not three Lords, but one Lord.

For as we, according to Christian truth, must acknowledge every person by itself to be God and Lord, so we are forbidden by the Christian religion to say, there are three Gods, or three Lords.

The Father is neither made of any one, nor created nor begotten.

The Son is of the Father alone; not made, nor created, but *begotten*.

The Holy Ghost is of the Father and of the Son; neither made, nor created, nor begotten, but *proceeding*.

So there is one Father, not three Fathers; one Son, not three Sons; one Holy Ghost, not three Holy Ghosts.

And in this Trinity none is afore, or after the other; none is greater, or less than another;

But the whole three persons are co-eternal together, and co-equal.

So that in all things as aforesaid, the Unity in Trinity, and the Trinity in Unity is to be worshipped.

He therefore that will be saved, must thus think of the Trinity.

Furthermore, it is necessary to everlasting salvation, to believe rightly also in the incarnation of our Lord Jesus Christ.

For the right faith is, that we believe and confess that our Lord Jesus Christ, the Son of God, is God and MAN.

God, of the essence of the Father, begotten before the worlds; and MAN, of the substance of his mother, born in the world.

Perfect God, and perfect man of a reasonable soul and human flesh subsisting.

Equal to the Father as touching his Godhead, and inferior to the Father as touching his humanity. Who, although he be God and man, yet he is not two, but one Christ.

One, not by conversion of the Godhead into flesh, but by taking of the humanity into God.



One altogether; not by confusion of substance but by Unity of Person.

For as the reasonable soul and flesh is one man, so God and man is one Christ;

Who suffered for our salvation, descended into hell, and rose again the third day from the dead, He ascended into heaven, he sits at the right hand of the Father, God Almighty: whence He shall come to judge the living and the dead. At whose coming all men shall rise again with their bodies, and shall give an account for their works.

And they that have done good shall go into life everlasting, and they that have done evil into everlasting fire.

This is the true Christian faith; which, except a man believe faithfully, he cannot be saved.



IV.—The Unaltered Augsburg Confession; or Confession of the Faith of Seberal Princes and Estates, delibered to his Imperial Majesty, Charles V., at the Diet of Augsburg, A. D. 1530.

#### ARTICLES OF FAITH AND DOCTRINE.

##### ARTICLE I.—*Of God.*

Our churches unanimously hold and teach, agreeably to the Decree of the Council of Nice, that there is only one Divine Essence, which is called, and truly is, God; but that there are three persons in this one Divine Essence, equally powerful, equally eternal—God the Father, God the Son, God the Holy

Ghost—who are one Divine Essence, eternal, incorporeal, indivisible, infinite in power, wisdom, and goodness, the Creator and Preserver of all things visible and invisible. And the word *person* is not intended to express a part or quality of another, but that which subsists of itself, precisely as the Fathers have employed this term on this subject.

Every heresy opposed to this Article is therefore condemned: as that of the Manichæans, who assume two principles, the one good, the other evil. Likewise the heresies of the Valentinians, Arians, Eunomians, Mahometans, and the like; also that of the ancient and modern Samosatensians, who admit but one person, and sophistically explain away these two—the Word and the Holy Spirit—asserting, that they must not be viewed as distinct persons, but that the Word signifies the oral word or voice, and that the Holy Ghost is the principle of motion in things.

#### ARTICLE II.—*Of Original Sin.*

We teach, that since the fall of Adam all men who are naturally engendered, are conceived and born in sin; that is, that they all are from their mother's womb full of evil desires and propensities, and can have by nature no true fear of God, no true faith in God; and that this innate disease, or original sin, is truly sin, which brings all those under the eternal wrath of God, who are not born again by Baptism and the Holy Spirit.

Hence, we condemn the Pelagians and others, who deny that original corruption is

sin, whereby they assert, to the disparagement of the merits and sufferings of Christ, that piety is the result of our natural powers.

### ARTICLE III.—*Of the Son of God.*

It is taught likewise, that God the Son became man, and was born of the blessed Virgin Mary; and that the two natures, human and divine, inseparably united in one person, are one Christ, who is true God and man, who was really born, who truly suffered, was crucified, died, and was buried, that he might be a sacrifice, not only for original sin, but also for all other sins, and might appease the wrath of God.

Further, that this same Christ descended into hell, and truly arose from the dead on the third day, ascended to heaven, and sits at the right hand of God, that He may perpetually reign over all creatures, and govern them, through the Holy Spirit sanctify, purify, strengthen, and console all those who believe in him, and give unto them life and various gifts and blessings, and protect and defend them against the devil and the power of sin.

Also, that finally this same Christ will return visibly, to judge the living and the dead, &c., according to the Apostles' Creed.

### ARTICLE IV.—*Of Justification.*

It is taught further, that we cannot obtain righteousness and the forgiveness of sin before God by our own merits, works, and atonement; but that we obtain the remission

of sins, and are justified before God, by grace, for Christ's sake, through faith, if we believe that Christ suffered for us, and that for His sake our sins are remitted unto us, and righteousness and eternal life are bestowed on us. For, God regards this faith and imputes it as righteousness in his sight, as Paul says, Rom. chap. 3 and 4.

#### ARTICLE V.—*Of the Ministry.*

For the purpose of obtaining this faith, God has instituted the ministry, and given the Gospel and the Sacraments, through which, as means, he imparts the Holy Spirit, who in his own time and place, works faith in those that hear the Gospel, which teaches that through the merits of Christ, and not through our own merits, we have a merciful God, if we believe these things.

By this are condemned the Anabaptists and others, who teach that we receive the Holy Spirit in consequence of our own preparation, our thoughts and works, without the external word of the Gospel.

#### ARTICLE VI.—*Of New Obedience.*

It is also taught, that such faith must bring forth good fruits and good works, and that we must do all manner of good works, because of God's requirement and command; yet we must not put any confidence in these works, as meriting favor in the sight of God: for we receive forgiveness of sins and justification through faith in Christ, as Christ Himself says, Luke xvii. 10: "When ye shall have done all those things, say, we are un-

profitable servants." Thus also the Fathers teach. For Ambrose says: "Thus it has been ordained of God, that whosoever believes in Christ shall be saved; not through works, but without merit through faith alone, he has forgiveness of sins."

#### ARTICLE VII.—*Of the Church.*

It is taught, likewise, that one holy Christian Church shall ever continue to exist, which is the congregation of all believers, among whom the Gospel is preached in its purity, and the holy sacraments are administered according to the Gospel. For this is sufficient for the true unity of the Christian Church, that the Gospel is preached therein according to its pure intent and meaning, and that the sacraments are administered in conformity with the Word of God. And for the true unity of the Christian Church it is not necessary that uniform ceremonies, instituted by men, should be everywhere observed. As Paul says, Ephes. iv. 4, 5: "There is one body, and one spirit, even as ye are called in one hope of your calling; one Lord, one faith, one baptism."

#### ARTICLE VIII.—*What the Church is.*

Further: although the Christian Church is properly nothing else than the congregation of all believers and saints, yet, as in this life there are many hypocrites and false Christians—open sinners remaining even among the pious—the sacraments, nevertheless, are effectual, even if the preachers by whom they are administered be not pious

as Christ himself says, Matt. xxiii. 2: "The Scribes and Pharisees sit in Moses' seat," &c.

On this account the Donatists are condemned, and all such as teach contrary to this Article.

#### ARTICLE IX.—*Of Baptism.*

Respecting Baptism, it is taught that it is necessary; that grace is offered through it; and that children ought to be baptized, who through such baptism are presented to God and become acceptable to him.

Therefore the Anabaptists are condemned, who teach that Infant Baptism is improper.

#### ARTICLE X.—*Of the Lord's Supper.*

Concerning the Holy Supper of the Lord, it is taught that the true body and blood of Christ are truly present, under the form of bread and wine, in the Lord's Supper, and are there administered and received. The opposite doctrine is therefore rejected.

#### ARTICLE XI.—*Of Confession.*

In reference to Confession, it is taught that private absolution ought to be retained in the church, and should not be discontinued; in confession, however, it is unnecessary to enumerate all transgressions and sins, which indeed is not possible. Psalm xix. 12: "Who can understand his errors?"

#### ARTICLE XII.—*Of Repentance.*

Concerning Repentance, it is taught that those who have sinned after baptism may at

all times obtain forgiveness of their sins if they repent; and that the church should not refuse to grant absolution unto them. Genuine and true repentance properly consists in contrition and sorrow, or terror on account of sin; besides, it consists in faith in the Gospel or absolution—namely, that sins are forgiven and grace is obtained through Christ—a faith which consoles and imparts peace to the heart.

Afterwards amendment of conduct also should follow, and abstinence from sin; for these should be the fruits of repentance, as John says, Matt. iii. 8; “Bring forth fruits meet for repentance.”

Here are condemned such as teach that those who have once been justified can never fall.

On the other hand, the Novatians also are here condemned, who refused absolution to those who had sinned after baptism.

Those in like manner are condemned who teach that forgiveness of sin is obtained, not through faith, but through our own merits.

#### ARTICLE XIII.—*Of the Use of the Sacraments.*

Concerning the use of the Sacraments, it is taught that the sacraments have been instituted, not only as tokens by which Christians may be known externally, but as signs and evidences of the Divine will towards us, for the purpose of exciting and strengthening our faith; hence they also require faith, and they are properly used then only when received in faith, and when faith is strengthened by them.

ARTICLE XIV.—*Of Church Government.*

Concerning Church Government, it is taught that no one should teach or preach publicly in the church, or administer the sacraments, without a regular call.

ARTICLE XV.—*Of Church Rites and Ordinances.*

Concerning Ecclesiastical Rites instituted by men, it is taught that those should be observed which can be so observed without sin, and which promote peace and good order in the church, as certain holidays, festivals, and the like. Respecting these, however, our instruction is designed to release the consciences of men from the idea that such observances are essential to salvation. It is taught on this point that all ordinances and traditions of men, for the purpose of reconciling God and meriting grace, are contrary to the Gospel and the doctrine of faith in Christ; wherefore, monastic vows, and traditions concerning the difference of meats, days, &c., intended for the purpose of meriting grace and making satisfaction for sins, are impotent and contrary to the Gospel.

ARTICLE XVI.—*Of Civil Polity and Government.*

Concerning Civil Polity and Government, it is taught that all authority in the world, established governments and laws, are good and divine; that Christians may hold either legislative, judicial, or executive offices, without sin; and may decide cases, pro-



nounce judgments, and punish transgressors, agreeably to imperial or other established laws; may wage just wars, and serve in them; make lawful contracts; take oaths, when required; may hold property, marry, and be married, &c.

The Anabaptists are here condemned, who teach that none of these things now mentioned are consistent with Christianity.

Those likewise are condemned who teach that Christian perfection consists in literally deserting house and home, wife and children, and relinquishing them; when at the same time true perfection consists only in true fear of God, and in true faith in God. For the Gospel does not teach an external, temporary, but an internal, lasting habit and righteousness of heart; nor does it invalidate civil government, polity, and matrimony, but it requires the observance of all these, as true ordinances of God. And in such stations, each one, according to his vocation, should manifest Christian love and genuine good works. Christians are therefore under obligation to submit to government, and to obey its commands in all things that may be performed without sin; but if government should enjoin any thing which cannot be obeyed without sin, "we ought to obey God rather than men." Acts iv. 19, and v. 29.

ARTICLE XVII.—*Of Christ's Return to Judgment.*

It is also taught, that on the last day our Lord Jesus Christ will come to raise and to judge all the dead, to give unto the believing and elect eternal life and endless joys;

and that he will come to condemn impious men and devils to hell and everlasting punishment.

The Anabaptists are rejected, who teach that devils and condemned men shall not suffer everlasting pain and torment.

Here in like manner, certain Jewish doctrines are condemned, which are circulated even now, that prior to the resurrection of the dead the holy and pious alone will occupy a temporal kingdom, and that all the wicked will be exterminated.

#### ARTICLE XVIII.—*Of Freewill.*

Concerning Freewill, it is taught that to some extent man has freedom of will, to lead a life outwardly honest, and to choose between things which reason comprehends; but without the grace, assistance, and operation of the Holy Spirit, that he is unable to become pleasing to God, or to fear God in heart, or to believe in him, or to cast out of his heart innate evil; and that these things are effected through the Holy Spirit, who is given through the Word of God; for Paul says, 1 Cor. ii. 14: "The natural man receiveth not the things of the Spirit of God."

And in order that it may be known that nothing new is taught in this Article, the expressive words of Augustine, concerning freewill, are introduced here, as transcribed from the *Hypognosticon*, lib. iii.: "We acknowledge, that in all men there is a free-will; for they all, indeed, have natural, connate understanding and reason; not that they are able to act in things pertaining to God, such as to love and fear God from the heart;

but only in external works of this life have they freedom to choose good or evil. By good I mean that which nature is able to perform, as to labor in the field, or not; to eat, to drink, to visit a friend, or not; to clothe or unclothe, to build, to take a wife, to carry on a trade, and to do any similar act that is useful and good; none of which, however, either occurs or takes place without God, but each takes place of Him and through Him. On the contrary, from his own choice, man may also engage in evil, as to bow before an idol, to commit murder, &c."

ARTICLE XIX.—*Of the Cause of Sin.*

As to the Cause of Sin, it is taught among us that, although Almighty God has created and preserves all nature, yet the perverted will works sin in all evil-doers and despisers of God, even as the will of the devil and of all wicked men, which, as soon as God withdraws his aid, turns itself from God unto evil, as Christ says, John viii. 44: "When he speaketh a lie, he speaketh of his own."

ARTICLE XX.—*Of Faith and Good Works.*

We are falsely accused of having prohibited Good Works; but our writings on the Ten Commandments and other subjects show that we have given good and useful instructions and admonitions in respect to various Christian relations, duties, and works; respecting which, prior to this time, little had been taught, but almost every sermon urged continually the necessity of puerile and needless works—as rosaries, worship of saints, mo-

nastic vows, pilgrimages, stated fasts, holidays, fraternities, &c. Works so needless even our opponents do not extol so highly now as formerly; besides, they have also learned to treat of faith now, concerning which in former times they preached nothing at all; they teach now, however, that we are not justified before God by works alone, but add faith in Christ, saying faith and works justify us before God—a doctrine which may afford more consolation than one teaching confidence in works alone.

Now the doctrine concerning faith, which is the principal article in the Christian Creed, not having been inculcated for so long a time, as all must confess, but the doctrine concerning works alone having been preached everywhere, the following instructions on this subject are offered by our divines:

First, that our works cannot reconcile us to God and merit grace, but these things are effected through faith alone, if we believe that our sins are forgiven us for Christ's sake, who alone is the Mediator reconciling the Father. He, therefore, that expects to effect this reconciliation by works, and to merit grace, contemns Christ and seeks a way of his own to God, contrary to the gospel.

This doctrine of faith is clearly and explicitly inculcated by Paul in many places, especially in Ephes. ii. 8, 9: "By grace are ye saved, through faith; and that not of yourselves; it is the gift of God: not of works, lest any man should boast," &c.

And that a new signification is not introduced here, may be shown from Augustine, who has treated this subject carefully, and

who in like manner teaches, that we obtain grace and are justified before God, through faith in Christ, and not by works, as his whole book, "*De Spiritu et Litera*," clearly shows. Although this doctrine is despised very much by the thoughtless, yet it will be found that it is very consoling and salutary to timid and alarmed consciences; for our consciences cannot secure tranquillity and peace by works, but through faith alone, when they feel in themselves an assurance that for Christ's sake they have a merciful God; as Paul says, Rom. v. 1: "Being justified by faith, we have peace with God." Heretofore this consolation was not administered in sermons, but the wretched consciences of men were driven upon works of their own, and various works were taken in hand; for conscience drove some into monasteries, with the hope of acquiring grace there by a monastic life; others devised works of another kind, for the purpose of meriting grace and of making satisfaction for sins. Many of these have experienced that peace could not be secured by these things. It was for this reason necessary to preach and enforce with diligence this doctrine of faith in Christ, that it might be known that through faith alone, without merit, the grace of God is secured.

It is also inculcated that the faith here spoken of is not the faith which devils and the ungodly possess, who believe the historical fact that Christ has suffered and risen from the dead; but it is the *true* faith—the faith which believes that we obtain grace and the forgiveness of sins through Christ. And hence, whoever knows that he has a merciful

God through Christ, knows God, calls upon him, and is not without God, like the Gentiles. For the devil and the ungodly do not believe the article concerning the remission of sins; for this reason they are enemies to God, unable to call upon him, or to hope for anything good from him; and, as just now shown, the Scripture, speaking of faith, does not style faith such a knowledge as devils and wicked men possess; for it is taught concerning faith, in Hebrews ii. 1, that to have merely a knowledge of the facts of history is not faith, but to have confidence in God that we shall receive his promises. And Augustine also reminds us that we should understand the word *faith* in Scripture to mean a confidence in God that he is merciful to us, and not a mere knowledge of the fact—a knowledge which devils also possess.

It is taught, further, that good works should and must be performed, not with a view of placing confidence in them as meriting grace, but in accordance with his will and for the glory of God. Faith alone constantly secures grace and forgiveness of sins. And because the Holy Spirit is given through faith, the heart becomes qualified to perform good works. For before this, while it is without the Holy Spirit, it is too weak; besides, it is in the power of Satan who urges frail human nature to many sins: as we see among the philosophers, who, resolving to live honorably and unblamably, were unable to effect it, and fell into many great and open sins. So it happens with all men who attempt, without true faith, and without the Holy Spirit, to govern themselves by their own strength alone. Wherefore, the doctrine con-

cerning faith does not deserve censure as discouraging good works, but should much rather be applauded as teaching the performance of good works, and as offering assistance by which good works may be performed. For without faith, and out of Christ, the nature and ability of man are much too weak to do good works, to call upon God to have patience in sufferings, to love his neighbor, faithfully to execute commissions, to be obedient, to avoid evil lusts. Such exalted and righteous works cannot be performed without the assistance of Christ, as He himself says, John xv. 5: "Without me ye can do nothing."

ARTICLE XXI.—*Of the Worship of Saints.*

Concerning the Worship of Saints, it is taught by us that we should remember the Saints, in order to strengthen our faith when we see how grace was conferred on them, and how assistance was afforded them through faith; and also to derive examples from their good works for every vocation; even as your Imperial Majesty, in waging war against the Turks, may follow successfully and devoutly the example of David; for both hold royal offices, the shelter and protection of which subjects require. But from Scripture it cannot be shown that we should invoke the Saints or seek help from them. For there is but one Reconciler and Mediator appointed between God and man, Jesus Christ, 1 Tim. ii. 5, who is the only Saviour, High Priest, Propitiator, and Intercessor before God, Rom. iii. 25, and viii. 34. He alone has promised us to hear our prayers; and the highest worship according to the Scripture is to seek and



call on Jesus Christ from the heart, in every necessity and affliction; 1 John ii. 1: "If any man sin, we have an Advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous."

This is about the substance of the doctrine which is preached and taught in our churches for the due instruction, Christian edification, peace of conscience, and improvement of believers. For, as we did not feel willing to place in the greatest and most imminent danger before God our own souls and consciences by the abuse of the Divine Name and Word, or transmit to our children and descendants, and entail upon them, any other doctrine than that of the pure Divine Word and Christian truth; and as these doctrines are clearly taught in the Holy Scripture, and besides, are neither contrary nor in opposition to the universal Christian or to the Roman Church, so far as may be observed from the writings of the Fathers, we think that our adversaries cannot disagree with us in the foregoing Articles. Those, therefore, act altogether unkindly, hastily, and contrary to all Christian unity and love who resolve in themselves, without any authority of divine command or of Scripture, to exclude, reject, and avoid us all as heretics. For the controversy and contention principally refer to traditions and abuses. If then there is no real error or deficiency in the principal Articles, and if this our confession is scriptural and Christian, even were there error among us on account of traditions, the bishops should demean themselves more gently; but we hope to assign indisputable grounds and reasons why some traditions and abuses have been corrected among us.



V.—Enchiridion, or the Smaller Catechism of Dr. Martin Luther.

# 1. THE TEN COMMANDMENTS,

*In the plain form in which they are to be taught by the head of a family.*

## THE FIRST COMMANDMENT.

I am the Lord thy God. Thou shalt have no other gods before me.

Thou shalt not make unto thee any graven image, or any likeness of any thing that is in heaven above, or that is in the earth beneath, or that is in the water under the earth: thou shalt not bow down thyself to them, nor serve them: for I the Lord thy God am a jealous God, visiting the iniquity of the fathers upon the children unto the third and fourth generation of them that hate me; and showing mercy unto thousands of them that love me, and keep my commandments.

*What is meant by this commandment?*

We should fear, love, and trust in God above all things.

## THE SECOND COMMANDMENT.

Thou shalt not take the name of the Lord thy God in vain: for the Lord will not hold him guiltless that taketh His name in vain.

*What is meant by this commandment?*

We should so fear and love God as not to curse, swear, conjure, lie, or deceive by His name; but call upon Him in every time of

need, and worship Him with prayer, praise, and thanksgiving.

### THE THIRD COMMANDMENT.

Remember the Sabbath day to keep it holy. Six days shalt thou labor, and do all thy work: but the seventh day is the Sabbath of the Lord thy God: in it thou shalt not do any work, thou, nor thy son, nor thy daughter, thy man-servant, nor thy maid-servant, nor thy cattle, nor thy stranger that is within thy gates: For in six days the Lord made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that in them is, and rested the seventh day: wherefore the Lord blessed the Sabbath day, and hallowed it.

*What is meant by this commandment?*

We should so fear and love God as not to despise His word and the preaching of the gospel, but deem it holy, and willingly hear and learn it.

### THE FOURTH COMMANDMENT.

Honor thy father and thy mother, that thy days may be long upon the land which the Lord thy God giveth thee.

*What is meant by this commandment?*

We should so fear and love God as not to despise nor provoke our parents and superiors, but honor, serve, obey, love, and esteem them.

### THE FIFTH COMMANDMENT.

Thou shalt not kill.

*What is meant by this commandment?*

We should so fear and love God as not to do our neighbor any bodily harm or injury, but help and further him in all bodily need and danger.

THE SIXTH COMMANDMENT.

Thou shalt not commit adultery.

*What is meant by this commandment?*

We should so fear and love God as to live chastely and modestly in words and deeds, and each to love and honor his wife or her husband.

THE SEVENTH COMMANDMENT.

Thou shalt not steal.

*What is meant by this commandment?*

We should so fear and love God as not to take our neighbor's money or property, nor to bring the same into our possession by unfair dealing or fraudulent means, but help him to improve and protect his possessions.

THE EIGHTH COMMANDMENT.

Thou shalt not bear false witness against thy neighbor.

*What is meant by this commandment?*

We should so fear and love God as not deceitfully to belie, betray, or slander our neighbor, nor raise an evil report against him, but excuse him, speak well of him, and put the most charitable construction on all his actions.

## THE NINTH COMMANDMENT.

Thou shalt not covet thy neighbor's house.

*What is meant by this commandment?*

We should so fear and love God as not to desire by craftiness to gain possession of our neighbor's inheritance or home, or to obtain it under the pretext of a legal right; but be ready to assist and serve him in the preservation of his own.

## THE TENTH COMMANDMENT.

Thou shalt not covet thy neighbor's wife, nor his man-servant, nor his maid-servant, nor his ox, nor his ass, nor anything that is thy neighbor's.

*What is meant by this commandment?*

We should so fear and love God as not to alienate our neighbor's wife from him, entice away his servants, nor to let loose his cattle, but use our endeavors that they may remain and discharge their duty to him.

*What does God declare concerning all these commandments?*

He says thus: I, the Lord thy God, am a jealous God, visiting the iniquity of the fathers upon the children unto the third and fourth generation of them that hate me; and showing mercy unto thousands of them that love me and keep my commandments.

*What is meant by this declaration?*

God threatens to punish all who transgress these commandments. We should therefore fear his anger, and not act contrary to these commandments. But He promises grace and

every blessing to all who keep them. We should therefore also love and trust in Him, and willingly act according to His commandments.

## 2. THE CREED,

*In the simplest form in which it is to be taught by the head of a family.*

### THE FIRST ARTICLE.

#### *Of the Creation.*

I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth.

*What is meant by this?*

I believe that God created me, together with all creatures; that He has given and still preserves to me my body and soul, eyes and ears, and all the other members, reason and all the senses; moreover, he has given me clothing and shoes, meat and drink, house and home, wife and child, lands, cattle, and all my possessions; that He amply and daily provides me with all the necessaries of this life, for the support of the body; that He protects me from all danger, and preserves and guards me against all evil. All this He does out of pure paternal and divine goodness and mercy, without any merit or worthiness of my own. For all this I am in duty bound to thank and praise, to serve and obey Him. This is most certainly true.

### THE SECOND ARTICLE.

#### *Of the Redemption.*

And in Jesus Christ, his only Son our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Ghost,

born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried. He descended into hell; the third day He arose again from the dead; He ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence He shall come to judge the quick and the dead.

*What is meant by this?*

I believe that Jesus Christ, true God, begotten of the Father from eternity, and also true man, born of the Virgin Mary, is my Lord, who has redeemed me a lost and condemned being, purchased and delivered me from all sin, from death and from the power of the devil, not with gold or silver, but with His holy precious blood, and with His innocent sufferings and death, so that I might be His own, and live under Him in His kingdom, and serve Him in everlasting righteousness, innocence, and blessedness, even as He is risen from the dead, lives and reigns to all eternity. This is most certainly true.

### THE THIRD ARTICLE.

#### *Of Sanctification.*

I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy Christian Church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

*What is meant by this?*

I believe that I cannot by my own reason or strength believe in Jesus Christ my Lord, or come to Him, but the Holy Ghost has called me through the gospel, enlightened me by His gifts, sanctified and preserved me

in the true faith, even as He calls, gathers, enlightens and sanctifies the whole Christian Church on earth, and preserves it in Jesus Christ in the only true faith. In which Christian Church He daily forgives abundantly all my sins and the sins of all believers, and at the last day will raise up me and all the dead, and will give to me, with all believers in Christ Jesus, everlasting life. This is most certainly true.

### 3. THE LORD'S PRAYER,

*In the simplest form in which it is to be taught by the head of a family.*

#### THE INVOCATION.

Our Father, who art in heaven.

*What is meant by this?*

God thereby intends to induce us to believe that He is truly our Father, and that we are truly His children, so that we may call upon Him with all cheerfulness and confidence, even as beloved children their affectionate parent.

#### THE FIRST PETITION.

Hallowed be Thy name.

*What is meant by this petition?*

The name of God is indeed holy in itself, but we pray in this petition that it may be sanctified also by us.

*How is this effected?*

Where the Word of God is purely and correctly taught, and we also, as the children of

God, live holy in accordance with it. To this help us, dear Father in heaven. But whoever teaches and lives contrary to the teachings of the Word of God profanes the name of God among us. From this preserve us, heavenly Father.

### THE SECOND PETITION.

Thy kingdom come.

*What is meant by this petition?*

The kingdom of God comes indeed of itself without our prayer; but we pray in this petition that it may also come to us.

*How is this effected?*

When our heavenly Father gives us His Holy Spirit, so that through His grace we believe His holy Word, and live godly here in time, and there in eternity.

### THE THIRD PETITION.

Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven.

*What is meant by this petition?*

God's good and gracious will is done indeed without our prayer; but we pray in this petition that it may also be done by us.

*How is this effected?*

When God overthrows and prevents all evil counsel and purpose, which hinder us from sanctifying His name and prevent the coming of His kingdom, such as the will of the devil, of the world, and of our flesh; but strengthens and preserves us steadfast in His Word and faith even to our end. That is His good and gracious will.



THE FOURTH PETITION.

Give us this day our daily bread.

*What is meant by this petition?*

God gives indeed daily bread without our prayer, even to all the wicked; but we pray in this petition that He would make us sensible of His goodness, and to receive our daily bread with thanksgiving.

*What is meant by daily bread?*

Every thing that pertains to the support and comfort of the body, such as eating, drinking, clothing, shoes, house, home, land, cattle, money, goods, a pious spouse, pious children, pious servants, pious and faithful rulers, good government, good weather, peace, health, education, honor, good friends, faithful neighbors, and the like.

THE FIFTH PETITION.

And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us.

*What is meant by this petition?*

We pray in this petition that our Father in heaven would not regard our sins, nor deny our requests on their account; for we are not worthy of anything for which we pray, nor have we merited the same; but that He would graciously bestow all things upon us; for we sin daily in many ways, and deserve nothing but punishment. We promise also on our part heartily to forgive and willingly to do good to those who sin against us.

## THE SIXTH PETITION.

And lead us not into temptation.

*What is meant by this petition?*

God indeed tempts no one, but we pray in this petition that God would so guard and preserve us, that the devil, the world and our flesh may not deceive nor seduce us into unbelief, despair, and other great crimes and vices, and that, though we should be assailed therewith, we may nevertheless finally prevail and gain the victory.

## THE SEVENTH PETITION.

But deliver us from evil.

*What is meant by this petition?*

We pray in this petition, as in a summary, that our heavenly Father would deliver us from all manner of evil, both of body and soul, property and character; and, at last, when the hour of death shall come, grant us a happy end, and graciously take us from this vale of sorrows to Himself in heaven.

## THE CONCLUSION.

For Thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.

*What is meant by the word "Amen?"*

That I may be assured that such petitions are acceptable to, and heard by, my Father in heaven; for He himself has commanded us to pray after this manner, and has promised that He will hear us. Amen, amen, signifies yea, yea, it shall be so.

#### 4. THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY BAPTISM,

*In the simplest form in which it is to be taught by the head of a family.*

##### FIRST.

*What is baptism?*

Baptism is not only mere water, but it is the water comprehended in God's command, and connected with God's word.

*Which is that word of God?*

Where our Lord Jesus Christ speaks in the last chapter of Matthew: "Go ye, therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost."

##### SECONDLY.

*What gifts or benefits does baptism confer?*

It effects forgiveness of sins, delivers from death and the devil, and confers everlasting salvation upon all who believe it, as the word and promise of God declare.

*Which are such word and promise of God?*

Where our Lord Jesus Christ speaks in the last chapter of Mark: "He that believeth and is baptized shall be saved; but He that believeth not shall be damned."

##### THIRDLY.

*How can water effect such great things?*

It is not the water indeed that has this effect, but the Word of God which is connected with the water, and faith which trusts the Word of God united with the water.

For the water, without the Word of God, is mere water and no baptism; but with the Word of God it is a baptism; that is, a gracious water of life, and a "washing of regeneration" in the Holy Ghost; as St. Paul says, Titus, third chapter: "According to His mercy He saved us by the washing of regeneration and renewing of the Holy Ghost, which He shed on us abundantly through Jesus Christ our Saviour; that, being justified by His grace, we should be made heirs according to the hope of eternal life. This is a faithful saying."

#### FOURTHLY.

*What does such water baptism signify?*

It signifies that the old Adam in us is to be drowned by daily sorrow and repentance, and die with all sins and evil lusts; and that again a new man should daily come forth and arise, that in righteousness and purity shall live for ever in the presence of God.

*Where is this written?*

St. Paul, in the sixth chapter to the Romans, says: "We are buried with Him by baptism into death: that like as Christ was raised up from the dead by the glory of the Father, even so we also should walk in newness of life."

#### 5. THE SACRAMENT OF THE ALTAR, OR THE LORD'S SUPPER,

*In the simplest form in which it is to be taught by the head of a family.*

*What is the sacrament of the altar?*

It is the true body and blood of our Lord

Jesus Christ, under the bread and wine instituted by Christ himself, for us Christians to eat and to drink.

*Where is this written?*

The holy Evangelists, Matthew, Mark, Luke, and St. Paul, write thus: "Our Lord Jesus Christ, the same night in which He was betrayed, took bread; and when He had given thanks, he brake it, and gave it to His disciples, and said; Take, eat, this is my body which is given for you: Do this in remembrance of me."

"Likewise, after the supper, He took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it to them, saying: Drink ye all of this; this cup is the New Testament in my blood, which is shed for you and for many, for the remission of sins: Do this as often as ye drink it in remembrance of me."

*What benefits are derived from such eating and drinking?*

They are indicated in these words: "Given and shed for you for the remission of sins," namely, that through these words, the remission of sins, life, and salvation are given to us in the sacrament. For where there is remission of sins there is also life and salvation.

*How can bodily eating and drinking effect such great things?*

Eating and drinking do certainly not effect these things, but the words which stand here, "Given and shed for you for the remission of sins," which words, together with the bodily eating and drinking, are the principal thing in the sacrament; and whosoever be-

lieves these words has that which they declare and indicate, namely: the remission of sins.

*Who then receives this sacrament worthily?*

Fasting and bodily preparation are indeed a good external discipline, but he is truly worthy and well prepared who has faith in these words: "Given and shed for you for the remission of sins." But he who does not believe or doubts these words is unworthy and unprepared, because the words "FOR YOU" require truly believing hearts.

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## APPENDIX No. 1.

*As the head of a family should teach his household to seek God's blessing, both morning and evening.*

### MORNING PRAYER.

*As soon as you arise in the morning seek the blessing of God, saying:*

In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost. Amen.

*Then, kneeling or standing, repeat the Creed and the Lord's Prayer; and if you desire you may also repeat the following prayer:*

I thank Thee, my heavenly Father, through Jesus Christ, thy well-beloved Son, that Thou hast guarded me through the night against all harm and danger, and I beseech Thee that Thou wouldst this day also keep me from sins and all evil, so that my whole conduct and life may be well pleasing to Thee.

For into Thy hands I commend myself, my body and soul, and all things. May Thy holy angel be with me, that the Adversary may have no power over me. Amen.

*And then proceed joyfully to your daily labor, singing a hymn, or repeating the ten commandments, or whatsoever your devotion may suggest.*

### EVENING PRAYER.

*In the evening, on retiring to rest, seek the blessing of God, saying :*

In the name of God the Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

*Then, kneeling or standing, repeat the Creed and the Lord's Prayer ; and if you desire you may repeat this prayer also :*

I thank Thee, my heavenly Father, through Jesus Christ, Thy dear Son, that Thou hast graciously guarded me all this day, and I beseech Thee pardon all my sins which I have committed against Thee, and graciously protect me this night. For into Thy hands I commend myself, my body and soul, and all things. May Thy holy angel be with me, that the Adversary may have no power over me. Amen.

*And then quickly and peaceably retire to rest.*

### TABLE BLESSINGS.

*As the head of a family should teach his household to ask a blessing and return thanks before and after meat.*

The household should devoutly approach the table, and with folded hands, say :

The eyes of all wait upon Thee, O Lord ! and Thou givest them their meat in due

season. Thou openest Thine hand, and satisfiest the desire of every living thing.

*Then add the Lord's Prayer and the following petition :*

Lord God, our heavenly Father ! bless us and these Thy gifts, which we receive from Thy tender goodness, through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

*In the same manner, after meat, they should also devoutly and with folded hands, say :*

Oh give thanks unto the Lord ; for He is good, for His mercy endureth for ever, Who giveth food to all flesh. He giveth to the beast his food, and to the young ravens which cry. He delighteth not in the strength of the horse : He taketh not pleasure in the legs of a man. The Lord taketh pleasure in them that fear Him, in those that hope in His mercy. Amen.

*After which the Lord's Prayer and the following prayer may be repeated :*

Unto Thee, O God our Father, who livest and reignest for ever, we give thanks through Jesus Christ, our Lord, for all Thy mercies. Amen.

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## APPENDIX No. 2.

### A TABLE OF DUTIES.

Being a selection of several Scripture passages for all ranks and conditions of men, whereby each is admonished of the duties which belong to his office or station.



OF BISHOPS, PASTORS AND PREACHERS.

A bishop then must be blameless, the husband of one wife, vigilant, sober, of good behavior, given to hospitality, apt to teach; not given to wine, no striker, not greedy of filthy lucre; but patient, not a brawler, not covetous; one that ruleth well his own house, having his children in subjection with all gravity; not a novice. Holding fast the faithful word as he has been taught, that he may be able by sound doctrine both to exhort and convince the gainsayers. 1 Tim. iii. 2-6; Titus i. 9.

WHAT HEARERS OWE TO THEIR BISHOPS.

Even so hath the Lord ordained, that they which preach the gospel should live of the gospel, 1 Cor. ix. 14. Let him that is taught in the word, communicate unto him that teacheth in all good things, Gal. vi. 6. Let the elders that rule well be counted worthy of double honor, especially they who labor in the word and doctrine. For the Scripture saith, Thou shalt not muzzle the ox that treadeth out the corn, and the laborer is worthy of his reward, 1 Tim. v. 17, 18. Obey them that have the rule over you, and submit yourselves: for they watch for your souls, as they that must give account, that they may do it with joy, and not with grief; for that is unprofitable for you, Heb. xiii. 17.

OF CIVIL GOVERNMENTS.

Let every soul be subject unto the higher powers. For there is no power but of God: the powers that be are ordained of God.

Whosoever therefore resisteth the power, resisteth the ordinance of God: and they that resist shall receive to themselves damnation. For rulers are not a terror to good works, but to the evil. For he beareth not the sword in vain: for he is the minister of God, a revenger to execute wrath upon him that doeth evil, Rom. xiii. 1-4.

#### WHAT CITIZENS OWE TO MAGISTRATES.

Render therefore unto Cæsar the things that are Cæsar's, Matt. xxii. 21. Let every soul be subject unto the higher powers. Wherefore ye must needs be subject not only for wrath, but also for conscience' sake. For, for this cause pay you tribute also; for they are God's ministers, attending continually upon this very thing. Render therefore to all their dues: tribute to whom tribute is due, custom to whom custom, fear to whom fear, honor to whom honor, Rom. xiii. 1-7. I exhort therefore, that first of all, supplications, prayers, intercessions, and giving of thanks be made for all men: for kings, and for all that are in authority; that we may lead a quiet and peaceable life in all godliness and honesty. For this is good and acceptable in the sight of God our Saviour, 1 Tim. ii. 1-3. Put them in mind to be subject to principalities and powers, to obey magistrates, to be ready to every good work, Titus iii. 1. Submit yourselves to every ordinance of man for the Lord's sake; whether it be to the king, as supreme; or unto governors, as unto them that are sent by him for the punishment of evil doers, and for the praise of them that do well, 1 Peter ii. 13, 14.

OF HUSBANDS.

Likewise, ye husbands, dwell with them according to knowledge, giving honor unto the wife as unto the weaker vessel, and as being heirs together of the grace of life; that your prayers be not hindered, 1 Peter iii. 7. Husbands love your wives, and be not bitter against them, Col. iii. 19.

OF WIVES.

Likewise, ye wives, submit yourselves unto your own husbands as unto the Lord, Eph. v. 22. Even as Sarah obeyed Abraham, calling him lord; whose daughters ye are as long as ye do well, and are not afraid with any amazement, 1 Peter iii. 6.

OF PARENTS.

And ye fathers, provoke not your children to wrath; but bring them up in the nurture and admonition of the Lord. Eph. vi. 4.

OF CHILDREN.

Children, obey your parents in the Lord, for this is right. Honor thy father and mother, which is the first commandment with promise, that it may be well with thee, and thou mayest live long on the earth. Eph. vi. 1-3.

OF MAN-SERVANTS, MAID-SERVANTS, DAY-LABORERS, AND OTHER WORKMEN.

Servants, be obedient to them that are your masters according to the flesh, with fear and trembling, in singleness of your heart, as unto Christ; not with eye-service, as men-pleasers, but as the servants of Christ doing

the will of God from the heart; with good will doing service, as to the Lord, and not to men; knowing that whatsoever good thing any man doeth, the same shall he receive of the Lord, whether he be bond or free. Eph. vi. 5-8.

#### OF MASTERS AND MISTRESSES.

And ye masters do the same thing unto them, forbearing threatening: knowing that your Master also is in heaven; neither is there respect of persons with Him. Eph. vi. 9.

#### OF YOUTH IN GENERAL.

Likewise, ye younger, submit yourselves unto the elder. Yea, all of you be subject one to another, and be clothed with humility; for God resisteth the proud, and giveth grace to the humble. Humble yourselves, therefore, under the mighty hand of God, that he may exalt you in due time, 1 Peter v. 5, 6.

#### OF WIDOWS.

Now she that is a widow indeed, and desolate, trusteth in God, and continueth in supplications and prayers night and day. But she that liveth in pleasure is dead while she liveth, 1 Tim. v. 5, 6.

#### OF CHRISTIANS IN GENERAL.

Thou shalt love thy neighbor as thyself. In this saying is comprehended the whole law, Rom. xiii. 9. Let supplications, prayers, intercessions, and giving of thanks be made for all men, 1 Tim. ii. 1.

## PART IV.

### HYMNS AND PRAYERS.

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*“Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly in all wisdom; teaching and admonishing one another in Psalms and Hymns and Spiritual Songs, singing with grace in your hearts to the Lord.”—PAUL.*

*“Watch and pray, that ye enter not into temptation.”—JESUS.*



# HYMNS.

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## OPENING HYMNS.

- 1 *Old Hundred.*  
**B**EFORE Jehovah's awful throne,  
Ye nations bow with sacred joy :  
Know that the Lord is God alone :  
He can create, and He destroy.
- 2 His sovereign power, without our aid,  
Made us of clay, and formed us men,  
And, when like wandering sheep we strayed,  
He brought us to His fold again.
- 3 We are His people, we His care,  
Our souls and all our mortal frame :  
What lasting honors shall we rear,  
Almighty Maker, to Thy name !
- 4 We'll crowd Thy gates with thankful songs,  
High as the heavens our voices raise ;  
And earth, with her ten thousand tongues,  
Shall fill Thy courts with sounding praise.
- 5 Wide as the world is Thy command ;  
Vast as eternity Thy love ;  
Firm as a rock Thy truth must stand,  
When rolling years shall cease to move.

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Psalm cxxii.

C. M.

**O**H 'twas a joyful sound to hear  
Our tribes devoutly say :  
"Up, Israel, to the temple haste,  
And keep your festal day!"

2 At Salem's courts we must appear,  
With our assembled powers,  
In strong and beauteous order ranged,  
Like her united towers.

3 'Tis thither by divine command,  
The tribes of God repair,  
Before His ark to celebrate  
His name with praise and prayer.

4 Oh pray we then for Salem's peace!  
For they shall prosperous be,  
Thou holy city of our God,  
Who bear true love to thee.

5 May peace within Thy sacred walls  
A constant guest be found :  
With plenty and prosperity  
Thy palaces be crowned.

3

Psalm cxxii.

C. M.

**O**H with due reverence let us all  
To God's abode repair ;  
And, prostrate at His footstool fallen,  
Pour out our humble prayer.

2 Arise, O Lord ! and now possess  
Thy constant place of rest ;  
Be that, not only with Thy ark,  
But with Thy presence blessed.

3 Clothe Thou Thy priests with righteousness,  
Make Thou Thy saints rejoice ;  
And, for Thy servant David's sake,  
Hear Thy anointed's voice.



- 4 Fair Sion does, in God's esteem,  
All other seats excel;  
His place of everlasting rest,  
Where He desires to dwell.
- 5 Her store the Almighty will increase,  
Her poor with plenty bless;  
Her saints shall shout for joy; her priests  
His saving health confess.

4 Psalm lxxxiv. L. M.

- H**OW pleasant, how divinely fair,  
O Lord of Hosts, Thy dwellings are!  
With long desire my spirit faints,  
To meet the assemblies of Thy saints.
- 2 My flesh would rest in Thine abode;  
My panting heart cries out for God:  
My God! my King! why should I be  
So far from all my joys and Thee?
- 3 Blest are the saints, who sit on high,  
Around Thy throne above the sky:  
Thy brightest glories shine above,  
And all their work is praise and love.
- 4 Blest are the souls who find a place  
Within the temple of Thy grace;  
There they behold Thy gentler rays,  
And seek Thy face and learn Thy praise.
- 5 Blest are the men whose hearts are set  
To find the way to Zion's gate:  
God is their strength; and through the road  
They lean upon their helper, God.
- 6 Cheerful they walk with growing strength,  
Till all shall meet in heaven at length;  
Till all before Thy face appear,  
And join in nobler worship there.

5

*Humble Request.*

P. M., 7s.

**L**ORD, we come before Thee now,  
 At Thy feet we humbly bow;  
 Oh do not our suit disdain;  
 Shall we seek Thee, Lord, in vain?

- 2 In Thine own appointed way,  
 Now we seek Thee, here we stay;  
 Lord, we cannot let Thee go  
 Till a blessing Thou bestow.
- 3 Send some message from Thy word  
 That may joy and peace afford;  
 Let Thy Spirit now impart  
 Full salvation to each heart.
- 4 Comfort those who weep and mourn,  
 Let the time of joy return;  
 Those who are cast down, lift up;  
 Make them strong in faith and hope.
- 5 Grant that all may seek and find  
 Thee a God supremely kind;  
 Heal the sick, the captive free,  
 Let us all rejoice in Thee.

6

*God is in this Place.*

8s.

**L**O, God is here! let us adore,  
 And own how dreadful is this place;  
 Let all within us feel His power,  
 And silent bow before His face;  
 Who know His power, His grace who prove,  
 Serve him with awe, with reverence love.

- 2 Lo, God is here! him day and night  
 United choirs of angels sing:  
 To Him, enthroned above all height,  
 Heaven's host their noblest praises bring:  
 Disdain not, Lord, our meaner song,  
 Who praise Thee with a stammering tongue.

- 3 Being of beings! may our praise  
Thy courts with grateful fragrance fill;  
Still may we stand before Thy face,  
Still hear and do Thy sovereign will;  
To Thee may all our thoughts arise,  
Ceaseless, accepted sacrifice.

7 C. M.

**E**ARLY, my God, without delay,  
I haste to seek Thy face;  
My thirsty spirit faints away,  
Without Thy cheering grace.

- 2 So pilgrims on the scorching sand,  
Beneath a burning sky,  
Long for a cooling stream at hand,  
And they must drink or die.

- 3 I've seen Thy glory and Thy power  
Through all Thy temple shine:  
My God, repeat that heavenly hour,  
That vision so divine.

- 4 Not all the blessings of a feast  
Can please my soul so well  
As when Thy richer grace I taste,  
And in Thy presence dwell.

- 5 Not life itself, with all its joys,  
Can my best passions move,  
Or raise so high my cheerful voice,  
As Thy forgiving love.

- 8 *The Sabbath Preparatory to Heaven.* L. M.

**L**ORD of the Sabbath! hear our vows  
On this Thy day, in this Thy house;  
And own, as grateful sacrifice,  
The songs which from Thy churches rise.

- 2 Thine earthly Sabbaths, Lord! we love;  
But there's a nobler rest above:  
Thy servants to that rest aspire  
With ardent hope and strong desire.
- 3 There languor shall no more oppress;  
The heart shall feel no more distress;  
No groans shall mingle with the songs  
That dwell upon immortal tongues.
- 4 No gloomy cares shall there annoy,  
No conscious guilt disturb our joy;  
But every doubt and fear shall cease,  
And perfect love give perfect peace.
- 5 When shall that glorious day begin,  
Beyond the reach of death or sin,  
Whose sun shall never more decline,  
But with unfading lustre shine?

9

Psalm c.

L. M.

WITH one consent let all the earth  
To God their cheerful voices raise,  
Glad homage pay with awful mirth,  
And sing before Him songs of praise;

- 2 Convinced that He is God alone,  
From whom both we and all proceed—  
We, whom He chooses for His own,  
The flock that He vouchsafes to feed.
- 3 Oh enter then His temple gate,  
Thence to His courts devoutly press;  
And still your grateful hymns repeat,  
And still His Name with praises bless.
- 4 For He's the Lord, supremely good,  
His mercy is for ever sure;  
His truth, which always firmly stood,  
To endless ages shall endure.

10

Psalm c.

**B**E joyful in God, all ye lands of the  
earth,

Oh serve Him with gladness and fear;  
Exult in His presence with music and  
mirth,

With love and devotion draw near.

2 For Jehovah is God, and Jehovah alone,  
Creator and Ruler o'er all;

And we are His people, His sceptre we  
own;

His sheep, and we follow His call.

3 Oh enter His gates with thanksgiving and  
song,

Your vows in His temple proclaim;  
His praise with melodious accordance pro-  
long,

And bless His adorable Name.

4 For good is the Lord, inexpressibly good,  
And we are the work of His hand;

His mercy and truth from eternity stood,  
And shall to eternity stand.

11

*Sabbath.*

P. M., 7s.

**S**AFELY through another week  
God has brought us on our way;  
Let us now a blessing seek,

Waiting in His courts to-day—  
Day of all the week the best;  
Emblem of eternal rest!

2 While we seek supplies of grace,  
Through the dear Redeemer's name,  
Show Thy reconciling face—

Take away our sins and shame:  
From our worldly cares set free,  
May we rest this day in Thee.

3 Here we're come, Thy name to praise;  
 Let us feel Thy presence near:  
 May Thy glory meet our eyes,  
 While we in Thy house appear:  
 Here afford us, Lord, a taste  
 Of our everlasting feast.

4 May the gospel's joyful sound  
 Conquer sinners, comfort saints;  
 Make the fruits of grace abound,  
 Bring relief for all complaints:  
 Thus let all our Sabbaths prove,  
 Till we join the church above.

12 *Delight in Ordinances.* S. M.

**W**ELCOME, sweet day of rest,  
 That saw the Lord arise!  
 Welcome to this reviving breast,  
 And these rejoicing eyes!

2 The King himself comes near,  
 To feast His saints to-day;  
 Here may we sit, and see Him here,  
 And love, and praise, and pray.

3 One day amidst the place  
 Where Jesus is within,  
 Is better than ten thousand days  
 Of pleasure and of sin.

4 My willing soul would stay  
 In such a frame as this,  
 Till it is called to soar away  
 To everlasting bliss.

13 8s & 7s.

**F**AR from mortal cares retreating,  
 Sordid hopes and fond desires,  
 Here, our willing footsteps meeting,  
 Every heart to heaven aspires;

From the Fount of glory beaming,  
 Light celestial cheers our eyes,  
 Mercy from above proclaiming  
 Peace and pardon from the skies.

- 2 Who may share this great salvation?  
 Every pure and humble mind;  
 Every kindred, tongue, and nation,  
 From the dross of guilt refined:  
 Blessings all around bestowing,  
 God withholds His care from none;  
 Grace and mercy ever flowing  
 From the fountain of His throne.
- 3 Every stain of guilt abhorring,  
 Firm and bold in virtue's cause,  
 Still Thy providence adoring,  
 Faithful subjects to Thy laws;  
 Lord, with favor still attend us,  
 Bless us with Thy wondrous love;  
 Thou, our Sun, our Shield, defend us;  
 All our hope is from above.

## TRINITY.

14                    *The Thrice Holy One.*                    7s.

**H**OLY, holy, holy Lord  
 God of Hosts! when heaven and  
 earth  
 Out of darkness at Thy word  
 Issued into glorious birth,  
 All Thy works before Thee stood,  
 And Thine eye beheld them good;  
 While they sung with sweet accord,  
 Holy, holy, holy Lord.

- 2 Holy, holy, holy! Thee,  
 One Jehovah evermore,

Father, Son, and Spirit ! we,  
 Dust and ashes, would adore :  
 Lightly by the world esteemed,  
 From that world by Thee redeemed,  
 Sing we here with glad accord,  
 Holy, holy, holy Lord !

- 3 Holy, holy, holy ! all  
 Heaven's triumphant choir shall sing,  
 While the ransomed nations fall  
 At the footstool of their King :  
 Then shall saints and seraphim,  
 Harps and voices, swell one hymn,  
 Blending in sublime accord,  
 Holy, holy, holy Lord !

15

L. M.

**F**ATHER of all ! whose love profound,  
 A ransom for our souls hath found !  
 Before Thy throne we sinners bend ;  
 To us Thy pardoning love extend.

- 2 Almighty Son, incarnate Word,  
 Our Prophet, Priest, Redeemer, Lord !  
 Before Thy throne we sinners bend ;  
 To us Thy saving grace extend.
- 3 Eternal Spirit, by whose breath  
 The soul is raised from sin and death !  
 Before Thy throne we sinners bend ;  
 To us Thy quickening power extend.
- 4 Jehovah ! Father, Spirit, Son,  
 Mysterious Godhead, Three in One !  
 Before Thy throne we sinners bend ;  
 Grace, pardon, life to us extend.

16

*Trinity Sunday.*

L. M.

**O** HOLY, holy, holy Lord !  
 Bright in Thy deeds and in Thy  
 Name ;



For ever be Thy Name adored,  
Thy glories let the world proclaim.

- 2 O Jesus, Lamb once crucified  
To take our load of sins away!  
Thine be the hymn that rolls its tide  
Along the realms of upper day.
- 3 O Holy Spirit, from above  
In streams of light and glory given!  
Thou source of ecstasy and love,  
Thy praises ring through earth and  
heaven.
- 4 O God Triune! to Thee we owe  
Our every thought, our every song;  
And ever may Thy praises flow  
From saint and seraph's burning tongue.

## GOD THE FATHER.

### ATTRIBUTES.

- 17 *God Eternal and Unchangeable. C. M.*

**G**REAT God, how infinite art Thou!  
How frail and weak are we!  
Let the whole race of creatures bow  
And pay their praise to Thee.

- 2 Thy throne eternal ages stood,  
Ere earth or heaven was made;  
Thou art the ever-living God,  
Were all the nations dead.
- 3 Nature and time all open lie  
To Thine immense survey,  
From the formation of the sky,  
To the last awful day.
- 4 Eternity, with all its years,  
Stands present to Thy view;

To Thee there's nothing old appears,  
To Thee there's nothing new.

5 Our lives through various scenes are drawn,  
And vexed with trifling cares;  
While Thine eternal thought moves on  
Thine undisturbed affairs.

6 Great God, how infinite art Thou!  
How frail and weak are we!  
Let the whole race of creatures bow,  
And pay their praise to Thee.

18

C. M.

**G**OD is a Spirit, just and wise;  
He sees our inmost mind:  
In vain to heaven we raise our cries,  
And leave our hearts behind.

2 Nothing but truth before His throne  
With honor can appear;  
The painted hypocrites are known  
Through the disguise they wear.

3 Their lifted eyes salute the skies,  
Their bending knees the ground;  
But God abhors the sacrifice,  
Where not the heart is found.

4 Lord, search our thoughts, and try our  
ways,  
And make our soul sincere;  
Then shall we stand before Thy face,  
And find acceptance there.

19 *The Eternal and Sovereign God.* L. M.

**J**EHOVAH reigns; He dwells in light,  
Girded with majesty and might;  
The world, created by His hands,  
Still on its first foundation stands.

- 2 But ere this spacious world was made,  
Or had its first foundations laid,  
Thy throne eternal ages stood,  
Thyself, the ever-living God.
- 3 Like floods, the angry nations rise,  
And aim their rage against the skies:  
Vain floods—that aim their rage so high!  
At Thy rebuke the billows die.
- 4 For ever shall Thy throne endure;  
Thy promise stands for ever sure:  
And everlasting holiness  
Becomes the dwellings of Thy grace.

20 *God exalted above all Praise. C. P. M.*

PARENT of good! Thy works of might  
I trace with wonder and delight;  
Thy name is all divine.  
There's naught in earth, or sea, or air,  
Or heaven itself, that's good or fair,  
But what is wholly Thine.

- 2 Immensely high Thy glories rise;  
They strike our souls with sweet surprise,  
And sacred pleasure yield;  
An ocean wide without a bound,  
Where every noble wish is drowned,  
And every want is filled.
- 3 To Thee our warm affections move, \*  
In sweet astonishment and love,  
While at Thy feet we fall;  
We pant for naught beneath the skies;  
To Thee our ardent wishes rise,  
Oh our eternal All!
- 4 What shall we do to spread Thy praise,  
Our God! through our remaining days,  
Or how Thy name adore?

To Thee we consecrate our breath;  
 Let us be Thine in life and death,  
 And Thine for evermore.

21

C. M.

FATHER, how wide Thy glory shines!  
 How high Thy wonders rise!  
 Known through the earth by thousand  
 signs,  
 By thousands through the skies.

2 Those mighty orbs proclaim Thy power,  
 Their motions speak Thy skill;  
 And on the wings of every hour  
 We read Thy patience still.

3 But when we view Thy strange design  
 To save rebellious worms,  
 Where vengeance and compassion join  
 In their divinest forms,—

4 Here the whole Deity is known;  
 Nor can a creature trace  
 Which of Thy glories brightest shone,  
 Thy justice, or Thy grace.

5 Now the full glories of the Lamb  
 Adorn the heavenly plains;  
 Bright seraphs learn Immanuel's name,  
 And try their choicest strains.

6 Oh, may we bear some humble part  
 In that immortal song!  
 Wonder and joy shall tune our heart,  
 And love command our tongue.

22

Psalm cxxxix.

C. M.

LORD, all I am is known to Thee!  
 In vain my soul would try  
 To shun Thy presence, or to flee  
 The notice of Thine eye.

- 2 Thine all-surrounding sight surveys  
 My rising and my rest,  
 My public walks, my private ways,  
 And secrets of my breast.
- 3 My thoughts lie open to Thee, Lord,  
 Before they're formed within;  
 And ere my lips pronounce the word,  
 Thou knowest the sense I mean.
- 4 Oh wondrous knowledge, deep and high!  
 Where can a creature hide?  
 Within Thy circling arms I lie,  
 Beset on every side.

23

C. M.

**H**OLY and reverend is the name  
 Of our eternal King:  
 "Thrice holy Lord!" the angels cry;  
 "Thrice holy!" let us sing.

- 2 The deepest reverence of the mind,  
 Pay, O my soul! to God;  
 Lift, with Thy hands, a holy heart  
 To His sublime abode.
- 3 With sacred awe pronounce His name,  
 Whom words nor thoughts can reach;  
 A broken heart shall please him more  
 Than noblest forms of speech.
- 4 Thou holy God! preserve my soul  
 From all pollution free;  
 The pure in heart are Thy delight,  
 And they Thy face shall see.

24

C. M.

**T**HY ceaseless, unexhausted love,  
 Unmerited and free,  
 Delights our evil to remove,  
 And help our misery.

- 2 Thou waitest to be gracious still;  
 Thou dost with sinners bear;  
 That saved, we may Thy goodness feel,  
 And all Thy grace declare.
- 3 Thy goodness and Thy truth to me,  
 To every soul abound;  
 A vast, unfathomable sea  
 Whose depth no thought can sound.
- 4 Its streams the whole creation reach,  
 So plenteous is the store;  
 Enough for all, enough for each,  
 Enough for evermore.
- 5 Faithful, O Lord, Thy mercies are;  
 A rock which cannot move:  
 A thousand promises declare  
 Thy constancy of love.
- 6 Throughout the universe it reigns,  
 Unalterably sure;  
 And, while, O God, Thy truth remains,  
 Thy goodness must endure.

25

Psalm ciii.

S. M.

**M**Y soul, repeat His praise  
 Whose mercies are so great;  
 Whose anger is so slow to rise,  
 So ready to abate.

- 2 God will not always chide;  
 And, when His wrath is felt,  
 His strokes are fewer than our crimes,  
 And lighter than our guilt.
- 3 High as the heavens are raised  
 Above the ground we tread,  
 So far the riches of His grace  
 Our highest thoughts exceed.

- 4 His grace subdues our sins,  
And His forgiving love  
Far as the east is from the west  
Doth all our guilt remove.
- 5 The pity of the Lord,  
To those who fear His name,  
Is such as tender parents feel;  
He knows our feeble frame.
- 6 Our days are as the grass,  
Or like the morning flower;  
If one sharp blast sweep o'er the field,  
It withers in an hour.
- 7 But Thy compassions, Lord,  
To endless years endure;  
And children's children ever find  
Thy words of promise sure.

26

Psalm ciii.

S. M.

- O**H bless the Lord, my soul!  
Let all within me join,  
And aid my tongue to bless His name,  
Whose favors are divine.
- 2 Oh bless the Lord, my soul!  
Nor let His mercies lie  
Forgotten in unthankfulness,  
And without praises die.
- 3 'Tis He forgives thy sins;  
'Tis He relieves thy pain;  
'Tis He that heals thy sicknesses,  
And gives thee strength again.
- 4 He crowns thy life with love,  
When rescued from the grave;  
He that redeemed our souls from death  
Hath boundless power to save.

- 5 He fills the poor with good ;  
He gives the sufferers rest ;  
The Lord hath justice for the proud,  
And mercy for th' oppressed.
- 6 His wondrous works and ways  
He made by Moses known ;  
But sent the world His truth and grace  
By His beloved Son.

27 *Divine Goodness a Ground of Trust. S. M.*

- GIVE to the winds Thy fears,  
Hope, and be undismayed :  
God hears thy sighs, and counts thy tears,  
God shall lift up thy head.
- 2 Through waves and clouds and storms,  
He gently clears thy way ;  
Wait thou His time, so shall this night  
Soon end in joyous day.
- 3 What though thou rulest not ;  
Yet heaven, and earth, and hell  
Proclaim, God sitteth on the throne,  
And ruleth all things well.
- 4 Thine everlasting truth,  
Father, Thy ceaseless love,  
Sees all Thy children's wants, and knows  
What best for each will prove.
- 5 And whatsoever Thou wilt'st,  
Thou dost, O King of kings ;  
What Thine unerring wisdom plans,  
Thy power to being brings.
- 6 Let us in life, in death,  
Thy steadfast truth declare ;  
And publish with our latest breath,  
Thy love and guardian care.



28

*"God Calling Yet."*

**G**OD calling yet!—shall I not hear?  
 Earth's pleasures shall I still hold  
 dear?

Shall life's swift passing years all fly,  
 And still my soul in slumbers lie?

2 God calling yet!—shall I not rise?

Can I His loving voice despise,  
 And basely His kind care repay?  
 He calls me still: can I delay?

3 God calling yet!—and shall He knock,  
 And I my heart the closer lock?

He still is waiting to receive,  
 And shall I dare His Spirit grieve?

4 God calling yet!—and shall I give  
 No heed, but still in bondage live?

I wait, but He does not forsake;  
 He calls me still!—my heart, awake!

5 God calling yet!—I cannot stay;

My heart I yield without delay:  
 Vain world, farewell! from thee I part;  
 The voice of God hath reached my heart!

## PROMISES.

29

P. M., 11s.

**H**OW firm a foundation, ye saints of the  
 Lord,  
 Is laid for your faith in His excellent word!  
 What more can He say than to you He  
 has said?

You who unto Jesus for refuge have fled.

2 Fear not, I am with thee; oh be not dis-  
 mayed!

For I am thy God, and will still give thee  
 aid;

I'll strengthen thee, help thee, and cause  
 thee to stand,  
 Upheld by my righteous, omnipotent hand.

3 When through the deep waters I call thee  
 to go,  
 The rivers of sorrow shall not thee over-  
 flow;  
 For I will be with thee, thy troubles to  
 bless,  
 And sanctify to thee thy deepest distress.

4 When through fiery trials thy pathway  
 shall lie,  
 My grace, all-sufficient, shall be thy supply;  
 The flame shall not hurt thee; I only  
 design  
 Thy dross to consume, and thy gold to  
 refine.

5 The soul that to Jesus hath fled for repose,  
 I will not, I cannot desert to his foes:  
 That soul, though all hell should endeavor  
 to shake,  
 I'll never—no, never—no, never forsake!

30

Psalm xxiii.

L. M.

**T**HE Lord my pasture shall prepare,  
 And feed me with a shepherd's care;  
 His presence shall my wants supply,  
 And guard me with a watchful eye;  
 My noon-day walks He shall attend,  
 And all my midnight hours defend.

2 When in the sultry glebe I faint,  
 Or on the thirsty mountains pant,  
 To fertile vales, and dewy meads,  
 My weary, wandering steps He leads;  
 Where peaceful rivers, soft and slow,  
 Amid the verdant landscape flow.

- 3 Though in a bare and rugged way,  
Through devious, lonely wilds I stray,  
His bounty shall my pains beguile;  
The barren wilderness shall smile,  
With lively greens and herbage crowned,  
And streams shall murmur all around.
- 4 Though in the paths of death I tread,  
With gloomy horrors overspread,  
My steadfast heart shall fear no ill,  
For Thou, O Lord! art with me still:  
Thy friendly crook shall give me aid,  
And guide me through the dismal shade.

## PROVIDENCE.

31                      Psalm cxxi.                      C. M.

- T**O Sion's hill I lift my eyes,  
From thence expecting aid;  
From Sion's hill, and Sion's God,  
Who heaven and earth has made.
- 2 He will not let thy foot be moved,  
Thy Guardian will not sleep;  
Behold, the God who slumbers not,  
Will favored Israel keep.
- 3 Sheltered beneath the Almighty's wings,  
Thou shalt securely rest,  
Where neither sun nor moon shall thee  
By day or night molest.
- 4 From common accidents of life  
The Lord shall guard thee still;  
'Tis even He that shall preserve  
Thy soul from every ill.
- 5 At home, abroad, in peace, in war,  
Thy God shall thee defend;  
Conduct thee through life's pilgrimage,  
Safe to thy journey's end.

32

10s, 11s.

**T**HOUGH troubles assail, and dangers  
 affright,  
 Though friends should all fail, and foes all  
 unite,  
 Yet one thing secures us, whatever betide,  
 The promise assures us—The Lord will  
 provide.

2 The birds, without barn or storehouse, are  
 fed;  
 From them let us learn to trust for our  
 bread;  
 His saints what is fitting shall ne'er be  
 denied,  
 So long as 'tis written—The Lord will  
 provide.

3 When Satan appears to stop up our path,  
 And fills us with fears, we triumph by  
 faith;  
 He cannot take from us (though oft he has  
 tried)  
 The heart-cheering promise—The Lord  
 will provide.

4 He tells us we're weak—our hope is in  
 vain;  
 The good that we seek we ne'er shall  
 obtain;  
 But when such suggestions our graces have  
 tried,  
 This answers all questions—The Lord will  
 provide.

5 No strength of our own, nor goodness we  
 claim:  
 Our trust is all thrown on Jesus' blest  
 name;

In this our strong tower for safety we hide;  
The Lord is our power—The Lord will  
provide.

33

Psalm xlvii.

L. M.

**G**OD is the refuge of His saints  
When storms of sharp distress invade;  
Ere we can offer our complaints,  
Behold Him present with His aid.

- 2 Let mountains from their seats be hurled  
Down to the deep, and buried there,  
Convulsions shake the solid world—  
Our faith shall never yield to fear.
- 3 Loud may the troubled ocean roar;  
In sacred peace our souls abide;  
While every nation, every shore,  
Trembles and dreads the swelling tide.
- 4 There is a stream whose gentle flow  
Supplies the city of our God;  
Life, love, and joy still gliding through,  
And watering our divine abode.
- 5 That sacred stream, Thy holy word,  
Our grief allays, our fear controls;  
Sweet peace Thy promises afford,  
And give new strength to fainting souls.
- 6 Zion enjoys her Monarch's love,  
Secure against a threatening hour;  
Nor can her firm foundation move,  
Built on His truth, and armed with  
power.

34

Psalm xc.

C. M.

**O** GOD! our help in ages past,  
Our hope for years to come,  
Our shelter from the stormy blast,  
And our eternal home,—

- 2 Under the shadow of Thy throne  
Still may we dwell secure ;  
Sufficient is Thine arm alone,  
And our defence is sure.
- 3 Before the hills in order stood,  
Or earth received her frame,  
From everlasting Thou art God,  
To endless years the same.
- 4 Thy word commands our flesh to dust,  
"Return, ye sons of men ;"  
All nations rose from earth at first,  
And turn to earth again.
- 5 A thousand ages in Thy sight,  
Are like an evening gone ;  
Short as the watch that ends the night,  
Before the rising sun.
- 6 Time, like an ever-rolling stream,  
Bears all its sons away ;  
They fly, forgotten, as a dream  
Dies at the opening day.
- 7 The busy tribes of flesh and blood,  
With all their cares and fears,  
Are carried downward by the flood,  
And lost in following years.
- 8 O God, our help in ages past,  
Our hope for years to come !  
Be Thou our guide while life shall last,  
And our perpetual home.

**35**      *The Seasons Ordered by God.*      L. M.

**G**REAT God, at whose all-powerful call  
At first arose this beauteous frame !  
By Thee the seasons change, and all  
The changing seasons speak Thy name.

- 2 Thy bounty bids the infant year,  
From winter storms recovered, rise,  
When thousand grateful scenes appear,  
Fresh opening to our wondering eyes.
- 3 Oh how delightful 'tis to see  
The earth in vernal beauty drest!  
While in each herb, and flower, and tree,  
Thy blooming glories shine confest.
- 4 Aloft, full beaming, reigns the sun,  
And light and genial heat conveys;  
And, while he leads the seasons on,  
From Thee derives his quickening rays.
- 5 Indulgent God! from every part  
Thy plenteous blessings largely flow;  
We see, we taste;—let every heart  
With grateful love and duty glow.

## 36

## Psalm xxxi.

- SOVEREIGN Ruler of the skies,  
Ever gracious, ever wise!  
All our times are in Thy hand,  
All events at Thy command.
- 2 He that formed us in the womb,  
He shall guide us to the tomb;  
All our ways shall ever be  
Ordered by His wise decree.
- 3 Times of sickness, times of health,  
Blighting want, and cheerful wealth,  
All our pleasures, all our pains,  
Come, and end, as God ordains.
- 4 May we always own Thy hand,  
Still to Thee surrendered stand,  
Know that Thou art God alone;  
We and ours are all Thy own.

37

*Dark Providence.*

C. M.

THY way, O God, is in the sea,  
Thy paths I cannot trace,  
Nor comprehend the mystery  
Of Thine unbounded grace.

2 Here the dark veils of flesh and sense  
My captive soul surround;  
Mysterious deeps of providence  
My wondering thoughts confound.

3 As through a glass, I dimly see  
The wonders of Thy love,  
How little do I know of Thee,  
Or of the joys above!

4 'Tis but in part I know Thy will:  
I bless Thee for the sight;  
When will Thy love the rest reveal  
In glory's clearer light?

5 With raptures shall I then survey  
Thy providence and grace;  
And spend an everlasting day  
In wonder, love, and praise.

38

C. M.

GOD moves in a mysterious way,  
His wonders to perform,  
He plants His footstep in the sea,  
And rides upon the storm.

2 Deep in unfathomable mines  
With never-failing skill,  
He treasures up His bright designs,  
And works His sovereign will.

3 Ye fearful saints! fresh courage take:  
The clouds ye so much dread



Are full of mercy, and will break  
In blessings on your head.

4 Judge not the Lord by feeble sense,  
But trust Him for His grace;  
Behind a frowning providence  
He hides a smiling face.

5 His purposes will ripen fast,  
Unfolding every hour;  
The bud may have a bitter taste,  
But sweet will be the flower.

6 Blind unbelief is sure to err,  
And scan His work in vain,  
God is His own interpreter,  
And He will make it plain.

39      *God Appointeth Affliction.*      L. M.

NOT from relentless fate's dark womb,  
Or from the dust our troubles come.  
No fickle chance presides o'er grief,  
To cause the pain, or send relief.

2 Look up, and see, ye sorrowing saints!  
The cause and cure of your complaints:  
Know, 'tis your heavenly Father's will:  
Bid every murmur then be still.

3 He sees we need the painful yoke;  
Yet love directs His heaviest stroke.  
He takes no pleasure in our smart,  
But wounds to heal and cheer the heart.

4 Blest trials those that cleanse from sin,  
And make the soul all pure within,  
Wean the fond mind from earthly toys,  
To seek and taste celestial joys!

## PRAISE.

40

PRAISE ye Jehovah! with anthems of  
praise come before Him;  
Great is His mercy! with hearts of thanks-  
giving adore Him;  
Firm is His word; freely His grace is  
conferred;  
Humbly for pardon implore Him.

2 Praise Him, all nations! 'Tis He that has  
crowned you with blessing:  
Oh come before Him, your sins and trans-  
gressions confessing;  
Worship the Lord; bow to the claims of  
His word;  
Songs to His glory addressing.

3 Angels, rejoicing, unite in the shout of  
salvation;  
Daily and nightly they sing to the God of  
creation:  
"Worthy to reign, Keeper and Saviour of  
men,  
O'er every kingdom and nation."

4 Praise ye Jehovah! the sovereign of earth  
and of heaven,  
Unto His holy name, honor and glory be  
given;  
Wake every string! tune all your voices  
and sing;  
Heaven and earth reply, amen!

41

Psalm cxlvi.

P. M., 8s.

I'LL praise my Maker while I've breath,  
And when my voice is lost in death,  
Praise shall employ my nobler powers;

My days of praise shall ne'er be past,  
While life, and thought, and being last,  
Or immortality endures.

- 2 Happy the man whose hopes rely  
On Israel's God; He made the sky,  
And earth, and seas, with all their train;  
His truth for ever stands secure;  
He saves th' oppressed, He feeds the poor,  
And none shall find His promise vain.

- 3 The Lord gives sight unto the blind;  
The Lord supports the fainting mind;  
He sends the laboring conscience peace;  
He helps the stranger in distress,  
The widow and the fatherless,  
And grants the prisoner sweet release.

- 4 I'll praise Him while He lends me breath,  
And when my voice is lost in death,  
Praise shall employ my nobler powers;  
My days of praise shall ne'er be past,  
While life, and thought, and being last,  
Or immortality endures.

42

C. P. M.

**B**EGIN, my soul, th' exalted lay;  
Let each enraptured thought obey,  
And praise the Almighty's name:  
Lo! heaven and earth, and seas and skies,  
In one melodious concert rise,  
To swell the inspiring theme.

- 2 Ye angels, catch the thrilling sound,  
While all the adoring thrones around  
His boundless mercy sing:  
Let every listening saint above  
Wake all the tuneful soul of love,  
And touch the sweetest string.

- 3 Let every element rejoice ;  
Ye thunders, burst with awful voice  
To Him who bids you roll :  
His praise, in softer notes, declare  
Each whispering breeze of yielding air,  
And breathe it to the soul.
- 4 Wake, all ye soaring tribes, and sing ;  
Ye cheerful warblers of the spring,  
Harmonious anthems raise  
To Him, who shaped your finer mould—  
Who tipped your glittering wings with  
gold,  
And tuned your voice to praise.
- 5 Let man, by nobler passions swayed,  
The feeling heart, the judging head,  
In heavenly praise employ ;  
Spread thè Creator's name around,  
Till heaven's broad arch ring back the  
sound—  
The general burst of joy.

43

Psalm xix.

L. M.

- T**HE spacious firmament on high,  
With all the blue ethereal sky,  
And spangled heavens, a shining frame,  
Their great Original proclaim.
- 2 The unwearied sun, from day to day,  
Does his Creator's power display,  
And publishes to every land  
The work of an Almighty hand.
- 3 Soon as the evening shades prevail,  
The moon takes up the wondrous tale,  
And nightly to the listening earth  
Repeats the story of her birth :

- 4 Whilst all the stars that round her burn,  
And all the planets in their turn,  
Confirm the tidings, as they roll,  
And spread the truth from pole to pole.
- 5 What though in solemn silence all  
Move round this dark terrestrial ball—  
What though no real voice nor sound  
Amidst their radiant orbs be found—
- 6 In reason's ear they all rejoice,  
And utter forth a glorious voice,  
For ever singing, as they shine—  
The Hand that made us is divine.

44

11s &amp; 8s.

**T**HE Lord is great! ye hosts of heaven,  
adore Him,  
And ye who tread this earthly ball;  
In holy songs rejoice aloud before Him,  
And shout His praise who made you all.

- 2 The Lord is great; His majesty, how glorious!  
Resound His praise from shore to shore;  
O'er sin, and death, and hell, now made  
victorious,  
He rules and reigns for evermore.

- 3 The Lord is great; His mercy how abounding!  
Ye angels, strike your golden chords;  
Oh praise our God, with voice and harp re-  
sounding,  
The King of kings and Lord of lords.

45

*Praise to God.*

L. M.

**O** PRAISE the Lord in that blest place,  
From whence His goodness largely  
flows;

Praise Him in heaven where His face,  
Unveiled, in perfect glory shows.

- 2 Praise Him for all the mighty acts  
Which He in our behalf has done ;  
His kindness this return exacts,  
With which our praise should equal run.
- 3 Let the shrill trumpet's warlike voice  
Make rocks and hills His praise rebound ;  
Praise Him with harp's melodious noise,  
And gentle psaltery's silver sound.
- 4 Let them who joyful hymns compose,  
To cymbals set their songs of praise ;  
To well-tuned cymbals, and to those  
That loudly sound on solemn days.
- 5 Let all that vital breath enjoy—  
The breath He does to them afford—  
In just returns of praise employ :  
Let every creature praise the Lord !

**L**ET every creature join  
To praise the eternal God ;  
Ye heavenly hosts, the song begin,  
And sound His name abroad.

- 2 Thou sun with golden beams,  
And moon with paler rays,  
Ye starry light, ye twinkling flames,  
Shine to your Maker's praise.
- 3 He built those worlds above,  
And fixed their wondrous frame ;  
By His command they stand or move,  
And ever speak His name.

- 4 Ye vapors, when ye rise,  
Or fall in showers or snow,  
Ye thunders, murmuring round the skies,  
His power and glory show.
- 5 Wind, hail, and flaming fire,  
Agree to praise the Lord,  
When ye in dreadful storms conspire  
To execute His word.
- 6 By all His works above  
His honors be expressed;  
But saints that taste his saving love,  
Should sing His praises best.

47

S. M.

COME, sound His praise abroad,  
And hymns of glory sing!  
Jehovah is the sovereign God,  
The universal King.

- 2 He formed the deeps unknown;  
He gave the seas their bound;  
The watery worlds are all His own,  
And all the solid ground.
- 3 Come, worship at His throne;  
Come, bow before the Lord.  
We are His works and not our own;  
He formed us by His word.
- 4 To-day attend His voice,  
Nor dare provoke His rod;  
Come, like the people of His choice,  
And own your gracious God!

## GOD THE SON.

## INCARNATION.

48

*The Divinity of Christ.*

C. M.

**T**HEE we adore, eternal Word!  
The Father's equal Son;  
By heaven's obedient hosts adored  
Ere time had yet begun.

2 The first creation has displayed  
Thine energy divine,  
For not a single thing was made  
By other hands than Thine.

3 But ransomed sinners, with delight,  
Sublimar facts survey—  
The all-creating Word unites  
Himself to dust and clay.

4 Creation's Author now assumes  
A creature's humble form;  
A man of grief and woe becomes,  
Is trod on like a worm.

5 The Lord of glory bears the shame  
To vile transgressors due;  
Justice the Prince of life condemns  
To die in anguish too.

6 God over all, for ever blest,  
The righteous curse endures;  
And thus, to souls with sin distress  
Eternal bliss insures.

7 What wonders in Thy person meet,  
My Saviour, all divine!  
I fall with rapture at Thy feet,  
And would be wholly Thine.



49

7s.

**W**ATCHMAN! tell us of the night,  
 What its signs of promise are!  
 Traveler! o'er yon mountain's height  
 See the glory-beaming star!  
 Watchman! does its beauteous ray  
 Aught of hope or joy foretell?  
 Traveler! yes, it brings the day—  
 Promised day of Israel.

- 2 Watchman! tell us of the night:  
 Higher yet that star ascends!  
 Traveler! blessedness and light,  
 Peace and truth its course portends!  
 Watchman! will its beams alone  
 Gild the spot that gave them birth?  
 Traveler! ages are its own;  
 See, it bursts o'er all the earth!
- 3 Watchman! tell us of the night,  
 For the morning seems to dawn!  
 Traveler! darkness takes its flight;  
 Doubt and terror are withdrawn!  
 Watchman! let thy wandering cease  
 Hie thee to thy quiet home;  
 Traveler, lo! the Prince of peace,  
 Lo! the Son of God is come!

50

11s &amp; 10s.

**H**ITHER, ye faithful, haste with songs  
 of triumph,  
 To Bethlehem go, the Lord of life to  
 meet;  
 To you this day is born a Prince and  
 Saviour;  
 Oh come, and let us worship at His feet.

- 2 O Jesus, for such wondrous condescension,  
 Our praise and reverence are an offering  
 meet;

Now is the Word made flesh, and dwells  
among us ;

Oh come, and let us worship at His feet.

3 Shout His almighty name, ye choirs of  
angels,

Let the celestial courts His praise repeat :  
Unto our God be glory in the highest ;

Oh come, and let us worship at His feet.

51

6s, 10s.

NO war nor battle's sound  
Was heard the world around,  
No hostile chiefs to furious combat ran,  
But peaceful was the night,  
In which the Prince of light  
His reign of peace upon the earth began.

2 The shepherds on the lawn,  
Before the point of dawn,  
In social circle sat ; while all around,  
The gentle, fleecy brood,  
Or cropped the flowery food,  
Or slept, or sported on the verdant ground,—

3 When, lo ! with ravished ears,  
Each swain delighted hears,  
Sweet music, offspring of no mortal hand ;  
Divinely-warbled voice,  
Answering the stringéd noise,  
With blissful rapture charmed the listen-  
ing band.

4 They saw a glorious light  
Burst on their wondering sight  
Harping in solemn choir, in robes arrayed,  
The helméd cherubim  
And sworded seraphim  
Are seen in glittering ranks, with wings  
displayed.

5        Sounds of so sweet a tone  
           Before were never known,  
 But when of old the sons of morning sung,  
           While God disposed in air  
           Each constellation fair,  
 And the well-balanced world on hinges  
           hung.

6        "Hail, hail, auspicious morn!  
           The Saviour Christ is born!"  
 Such was th' immortal seraph's song sublime;  
           "Glory to God in heaven  
           To man sweet peace be given,  
 Sweet peace and friendship to the end of  
           time."

52

8s, 7s.

**H**ARK! what mean those holy voices,  
 Sweetly sounding through the skies?  
 Lo! th' angelic host rejoices;  
       Heavenly hallelujahs rise.

2 Listen to the wondrous story,  
       Which they chant in hymns of joy:—  
 Glory in the highest, glory,  
       Glory be to God most high!

3 Peace on earth, good-will from heaven,  
       Reaching far as man is found;  
 Souls redeemed, and sins forgiven!—  
       Loud our golden harps shall sound.

4 Christ is born, the great Anointed;  
       Heaven and earth His praises sing;  
 Oh receive whom God appointed  
       For your Prophet, Priest, and King.

5 Hasten, mortals, to adore Him;  
 Learn His name, and taste His joy;  
 Till in heaven ye sing before Him,  
 Glory be to God most high!

53 *Good Tidings. P. M., 8, 7, 8, 7, 4, 7.*

ANGELS! from the realms of glory,  
 Wing your flight o'er all the earth;  
 Ye, who sang creation's story,  
 Now proclaim Messiah's birth:  
 Come and worship—  
 Worship Christ, the new-born King.

2 Shepherds! in the fields abiding,  
 Watching o'er your flocks by night;  
 God with man is now residing,  
 Yonder shines the heavenly light:  
 Come and worship—  
 Worship Christ, the new-born King.

3 Sages! leave your contemplations;  
 Brighter visions beam afar:  
 Seek the great Desire of Nations,  
 Ye have seen His natal star:  
 Come and worship—  
 Worship Christ, the new-born King.

4 Saints! before the altar bending,  
 Watching long in hope and fear,  
 Suddenly the Lord, descending,  
 In His temple shall appear:  
 Come and worship—  
 Worship Christ, the new-born King.

54 *Advent. C. M.*

HARK! the glad sound, the Saviour  
 comes,  
 The Saviour promised long:  
 Let every heart prepare a throne,  
 And every voice a song.

- 2 On Him the Spirit, largely poured,  
Exerts His sacred fire;  
Wisdom and might, and zeal and love,  
His holy breast inspire.
- 3 He comes, the prisoners to release,  
In Satan's bondage held;  
The gates of brass before Him burst,  
The iron fetters yield.
- 4 He comes, from thickest films of vice  
To clear the mental ray;  
And on the eyes oppressed with night  
To pour celestial day.
- 5 He comes, the broken heart to bind,  
The bleeding soul to cure,  
And with the treasures of His grace  
T' enrich the humble poor.
- 6 Our glad hosannas, Prince of peace,  
Thy welcome shall proclaim;  
And heaven's eternal arches ring  
With Thy beloved Name.

55

7s.

**H**ARK! the herald angels sing,  
"Glory to the new-born King!  
Peace on earth, and mercy mild;  
God and sinners reconciled."

- 2 Joyful, all ye nations, rise;  
Join the triumph of the skies:  
With th' angelic host proclaim,  
"Christ is born in Bethlehem!"
- 3 Mild He lays His glory by;  
Born that man no more may die;  
Born to raise the sons of earth;  
Born to give them second birth.

- 4 Hail, the heaven-born Prince of peace  
Hail, the Sun of righteousness!  
Light and life to all He brings,  
Risen with healing in His wings.

56

11s &amp; 10s.

**B**RIGHTEST and best of the sons of  
the morning,  
Dawn on our darkness, and lend us Thine  
aid:

Star of the east, the horizon adorning,  
Guide where our Infant Redeemer is laid.

- 2 Cold on His cradle the dewdrops are  
shining,  
Low lies His head with the beasts of the  
stall:

Angels adore Him, in slumber reclining,  
Maker, and Monarch, and Saviour of all.

- 3 Say, shall we yield Him, in costly devotion,  
Odors of Edom, and offerings divine;  
Gems of the mountain, and pearls of the  
ocean,  
Myrrh from the forest, and gold from the  
mine?

- 4 Vainly we offer each ample oblation,  
Vainly with gold would His favor secure:  
Richer by far is the heart's adoration,  
Dearer to God are the prayers of the poor.

- 5 Brightest and best of the sons of the  
morning,  
Dawn on our darkness, and lend us Thine  
aid:

Star of the east, the horizon adorning,  
Guide where our Infant Redeemer is laid.

57

8s &amp; 7s.

**H**AIL! thou long-expected Jesus,  
Born to set Thy people free:  
From our sins and fears release us,  
Let us find our rest in Thee.

- 2 Israel's strength and consolation,  
Hope of all the saints Thou art;  
Long desired of every nation,  
Joy of every waiting heart.
- 3 Born Thy people to deliver,  
Born a child, yet God our King,  
Born to reign in us for ever,  
Now Thy gracious kingdom bring.
- 4 By Thine own eternal Spirit,  
Rule in all our hearts alone;  
By Thine all-sufficient merit,  
Raise us to Thy glorious throne.

58

C. M.

**C**ALM on the listening ear of night,  
Come heaven's melodious strains,  
Where wild Judea stretches far  
Her silver-mantled plains.

- 2 Celestial choirs, from courts above,  
Shed sacred glories there;  
And angels, with their sparkling lyres,  
Make music on the air.
- 3 The joyous hills of Palestine  
Send back the glad reply;  
And greet, from all their holy heights,  
The day-spring from on high.
- 4 O'er the blue depths of Galilee  
There comes a holier calm;

And Sharon waves, in solemn praise,  
Her silent groves of palm.

- 5 "Glory to God!" the sounding skies  
Loud with their anthems ring;  
"Peace to the earth—good-will to men,  
From heaven's eternal King."

59 *The Watch of the Shepherds.*

WHILE shepherds watched their flocks  
by night,  
All seated on the ground,  
The angel of the Lord came down,  
And glory shone around.

- 2 "Fear not," said he (for mighty dread  
Had seized their troubled mind),  
"Glad tidings of great joy I bring  
To you and all mankind.

- 3 "To you, in David's town, this day,  
Is born of David's line  
The Saviour, who is Christ, the Lord,  
And this shall be the sign:

- 4 "The heavenly Babe you there shall find  
To human view displayed,  
All meanly wrapped in swathing bands,  
And in a manger laid."

- 5 Thus spake the seraph; and forthwith  
Appeared a shining throng  
Of angels, praising God, and thus  
Addressed their joyful song:

- 6 "All glory be to God on high,  
And to the earth be peace;  
Good-will, henceforth, from heaven to men  
Begin, and never cease!"



60

*Chorus.*

SHOUT the glad tidings, exultingly  
sing;

Jerusalem triumphs, Messiah is King!

1 Sion, the marvelous story be telling,

The Son of the Highest, how lowly His  
birth!

The brightest archangel in glory excelling,  
He stoops to redeem thee, He reigns  
upon earth:

*Cho.* Shout the glad tidings, exultingly sing;  
Jerusalem triumphs, Messiah is King!

2 Tell how He cometh; from nation to nation,  
The heart-cheering news let the earth  
echo round;

How free to the faithful He offers salva-  
tion,

How His people with joy everlasting are  
crowned:

*Cho.* Shout the glad tidings, exultingly sing:  
Jerusalem triumphs, Messiah is King!

3 Mortals, your homage be gratefully bring-  
ing,

And sweet let the gladsome hosanna  
arise;

Ye angels, the full hallelujah be singing;  
One chorus resound through the earth  
and the skies:

*Cho.* Shout the glad tidings, exultingly sing;  
Jerusalem triumphs, Messiah is King!

## COMPASSION.

61

L. M.

WHEN gathering clouds around I view,  
And days are dark and friends are  
few,

On Him I lean who, not in vain,  
 Experienced every human pain :  
 He sees my wants, allays my fears,  
 And counts and treasures up my tears.

- 2 If aught should tempt my soul to stray  
 From heavenly wisdom's narrow way,  
 To fly the good I would pursue,  
 Or do the ill I would not do,  
 Still He who felt temptation's power,  
 Will guard me in that dangerous hour.
- 3 When vexing thoughts within me rise,  
 And sore dismayed my spirit dies,  
 Yet He, who once vouchsafed to bear  
 The dreadful anguish of despair,  
 Shall sweetly soothe, shall gently dry,  
 The throbbing heart, the streaming eye.
- 4 When sorrowing o'er some stone I bend,  
 Which covers all that was a friend—  
 And, from his hand, his voice, his smile,  
 Divides me for a little while—  
 My Saviour marks the tears I shed,  
 For "Jesus wept" o'er Lazarus dead.
- 5 And, oh ! when I have safely passed  
 Through every conflict but the last,  
 Still, Lord, unchanging, watch beside  
 My dying bed, for Thou hast died :  
 Then point to realms of cloudless day,  
 And wipe the latest tear away.

**O**NE there is, above all others,  
 Well deserves the name of Friend ;  
 His is love beyond a brother's,  
 Costly, free, and knows no end.

- 2 Which of all our friends, to save us,  
 Could or would have shed His blood?  
 But this Saviour died to have us  
 Reconciled in Him to God.
- 3 When He lived on earth abased,  
 Friend of sinners was His name;  
 Now, above all glory raised,  
 He rejoices in the same.
- 4 Oh, for grace our hearts to soften!  
 Teach us, Lord, at length to love;  
 We, alas! forget too often  
 What a Friend we have above.

63

P. M., 8, 7, 4.

- H**ARK! the voice of love and mercy  
 Sounds aloud from Calvary!  
 See! it rends the rocks asunder,  
 Shakes the earth, and veils the sky!  
 "It is finished!"  
 Hear the dying Saviour cry!
- 2 It is finished!—Oh what pleasure  
 Do these charming words afford!  
 Heavenly blessings, without measure,  
 Flow to us through Christ the Lord.  
 It is finished!—  
 Saints, the dying words record.
- 3 Finished all the types and shadows  
 Of the ceremonial law!  
 Finished all that God had promised;  
 Death and hell no more shall awe.  
 It is finished!  
 Saints, from hence your comfort draw.
- 4 Tune your harps anew, ye seraphs,  
 Join to sing the pleasing theme;

All in earth, and all in heaven,  
 Join to praise Immanuel's name,  
 Hallelujah!  
 Glory to the bleeding Lamb!

## CONDESCENSION.

64

C. M.

**A**ND will the Lord thus condescend  
 To visit sinful worms?  
 Thus at the door shall mercy stand  
 In all her winning forms?

2 Surprising grace!—and shall my heart  
 Unmoved and cold remain?  
 Has this hard rock no tender part?  
 Must mercy plead in vain?

3 Shall Jesus for admission sue—  
 His charming voice unheard?  
 And this vile heart, his rightful due,  
 Remain for ever barred?

4 'Tis sin, alas! with tyrant power,  
 My heart hath long oppressed;  
 And crowds of traitors bar the door  
 Against the heavenly guest.

5 Ye dangerous inmates, hence depart:  
 Dear Saviour, enter in,  
 And guard the passage to my heart,  
 And keep out every sin.

65

L. M.

**B**EHOLD a stranger at the door!  
 He gently knocks—has knocked be-  
 fore,  
 Has waited long—is waiting still:  
 You treat no other friend so ill.

- 2 Oh, lovely attitude ! He stands  
 With melting heart and loaded hands !  
 Oh, matchless kindness ! and He shows  
 This matchless kindness to His foes !
- 3 But will He prove a friend indeed ?  
 He will ; the very friend you need ;  
 The friend of sinners—yes, 'tis He,  
 With garments dyed on Calvary.
- 4 Rise, touched with gratitude divine ;  
 Turn out His enemy and thine—  
 That soul-destroying monster, Sin—  
 And let the heavenly stranger in.
- 5 Admit him, ere His anger burn ;  
 His feet departed ne'er return ;  
 Admit him, or the hour's at hand  
 You'll at His door rejected stand.

66

C. M.

- H**OW condescending and how kind  
 Was God's eternal Son !  
 Our misery reached His heavenly mind  
 And pity brought Him down.
- 2 This was compassion like a God,  
 That when the Saviour knew  
 The price of pardon was His blood,  
 His pity ne'er withdrew.
- 3 Now, though He reigns exalted high,  
 His love is still as great :  
 Well He remembers Calvary,  
 Nor should His saints forget.
- 4 Here we receive repeated seals  
 Of Jesus' dying love ;  
 Hard is the wretch that never feels  
 One soft affection move.

- 5 Here let our hearts begin to melt,  
     While we His death record,  
 And with our joy for pardoned guilt,  
     Mourn that we pierced the Lord.

67

C. M.

**W**HEN Jesus left His heavenly throne,  
     He chose an humble birth;  
 Like us, unhonored and unknown,  
     He came to dwell on earth.

- 2 Like Him, may we be found below,  
     In wisdom's paths of peace;  
 Like Him, in grace and knowledge grow,  
     As years and strength increase.
- 3 Sweet were His words and kind His look  
     When mothers round Him pressed;  
 Their infants in His arms He took,  
     And on His bosom blessed.
- 4 Safe from the world's alluring harms,  
     Beneath His watchful eye,  
 Oh, thus encircled in His arms,  
     May we for ever lie.

68

PECULIAR.

**A** SAFE stronghold our God is still,  
 Our shield and surest weapon;  
 He will deliver from the ill  
     That hath us now o'ertaken.  
     Our old deadly foe  
     Now aims his last blow;  
     Deep guile and strong power  
     He boasteth in this hour:  
 On earth is not his equal.

- 2 By strength of ours could naught be done;  
     The strife full soon were ended,

But for us fights the valiant One,  
 By God himself commended.  
 Ask you, "Who is He?"  
 Christ Jesus! There see  
 The Lord Sabaoth,  
 Our God and Saviour both—  
 He conquers in this battle.

3 Though devils all the earth should fill,  
 Each watching to devour us,  
 We tremble not, we fear no ill  
 They cannot overpower us.  
 The false prince of hell  
 May rage, rave and swell;  
 He harms not a hair,  
 We shall escape his snare;  
 Christ's lightest word shall stay him.

4 His word for ever shall abide,  
 Our foes can ne'er destroy it,  
 He standeth ever at our side,  
 And cheers us by His Spirit.  
 And take they our life,  
 Goods, fame, children, wife,  
 When their worst is done,  
 Yet have they nothing won—  
 We shall receive the kingdom.

## SUBMISSION.

69

P. M.

**B**EYOND where Cedron's waters flow,  
 Behold the suffering Saviour go  
 To sad Gethsemane;  
 His countenance is all divine,  
 Yet grief appears in every line.

2 He bows beneath the sins of men;  
 He cries to God, and cries again,  
 In sad Gethsemane:

He lifts His mournful eyes above—  
 “My Father, can this cup remove?”

- 3 With gentle resignation still  
 He yielded to His Father's will  
     In sad Gethsemane:  
 “Behold Me here, Thine only Son;  
 And, Father, let Thy will be done.”
- 4 The Father heard; and angels there  
 Sustained the Son of God in prayer,  
     In sad Gethsemane:  
 He drank the dreadful cup of pain—  
 Then rose to life and joy again.
- 5 When storms of sorrow round us sweep,  
 And scenes of anguish make us weep,  
     To sad Gethsemane  
 We'll look, and see the Saviour there,  
 And humbly bow, like Him, in prayer.

## EXAMPLE.

70

C. M.

**B**EHOLD! where, in a mortal form,  
 Appears each grace divine:  
 The virtues, all in Jesus met,  
 With mildest radiance shine.

- 2 To spread the rays of heavenly light,  
     To give the mourner joy,  
 To preach glad tidings to the poor,  
     Was His divine employ.
- 3 'Mid keen reproach and cruel scorn,  
     He, meek and patient, stood:  
 His foes, ungrateful, sought His life  
     Who labored for their good.
- 4 In the last hour of deep distress,  
     Before His Father's throne,



With soul resigned, he bowed, and said,  
 "Thy will, not mine, be done!"

- 5 Be Christ our pattern and our guide,  
 His image may we bear;  
 Oh may we tread His holy steps,  
 His joy and glory share!

71

L. M

**W**HENE’ER the angry passions rise,  
 And tempt our thoughts or tongues  
 to strife;  
 To Jesus let us lift our eyes—  
 Bright pattern of the Christian life.

- 2 Oh how benevolent and kind!  
 How mild—how ready to forgive!  
 Be this the temper of our mind,  
 And these the rules by which we live.
- 3 To do His heavenly Father’s will  
 Was His employment and delight;  
 Humility and holy zeal  
 Shone through His life, divinely bright.
- 4 Dispensing good where’er He came,  
 The labors of His life were love:  
 Then, if we bear the Saviour’s name,  
 Our souls let His example move.
- 5 But! ah, how blind, how weak we are,  
 How frail, how apt to turn aside;  
 Lord, we depend upon Thy care;  
 We ask Thy Spirit for our guide.
- 6 Thy fair example may we trace,  
 To teach us what we ought to be:  
 Make us, by Thy transforming grace,  
 Oh Saviour, daily more like Thee.

## INTERCESSION.

72

L. M.

**H**E lives, the great Redeemer lives,  
(What joy the blest assurance gives!)  
And now, before His Father, God,  
Pleads the full merit of His blood.

- 2 Repeated crimes awake our fears,  
And justice armed with frowns appears;  
But in the Saviour's lovely face  
Sweet mercy smiles, and all is peace.
- 3 Hence, then, ye black, despairing thoughts!  
Above our fears, above our faults,  
His powerful intercessions rise,  
And guilt recedes and terror dies.
- 4 In every dark, distressful hour,  
When sin and Satan join their power,  
Let this dear hope repel the dart,  
That Jesus bears us on His heart.
- 5 Great Advocate, Almighty Friend—  
On Him our humble hopes depend:  
Our cause can never, never fail,  
For Jesus pleads and must prevail.

73

C. M.

**T**HE Lord of life, with glory crowned,  
On heaven's exalted throne,  
Forgets not those for whom on earth  
He heaved His dying groan.

- 2 His greatness now no tongue of man  
Or seraph bright can tell;  
Yet still the chief of all His joys,  
That souls are saved from hell.
- 3 For this He taught, and toiled, and bled;  
For this His life was given;

For this He fought, and vanquished death ;  
For this He reigns in heaven.

- 4 Join, all ye saints beneath the sky,  
Your grateful praise to give ;  
Sing loud hosannas to His name,  
With whom you too shall live.

74

C. M.

**T**HOU art the Way : to Thee alone  
From sin and death we flee ;  
And He who would the Father seek,  
Must seek him, Lord, through Thee.

- 2 Thou art the Truth : Thy word alone  
True wisdom can impart :  
Thou, only, canst instruct the mind,  
And purify the heart.

- 3 Thou art the Life : the rending tomb  
Proclaims Thy conquering arm ;  
And those who put their trust in Thee  
Not death nor hell shall harm.

- 4 Thou art the Way, the Truth, the Life :  
Grant us to know that Way,  
That Truth to keep, that Life to win,  
Which lead to endless day.

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7s, 6s.

**H**OW lost was my condition,  
Till Jesus made me whole !  
There is but one Physician  
Can cure a sin-sick soul !—  
The worst of all diseases  
Is light, compared with sin ;  
On every part it seizes,  
But rages most within.

- 2 From men great skill professing  
 I thought a cure to gain ;  
 But this proved more distressing,  
 And added to my pain :  
 Some said that nothing ailed me,  
 Some gave me up for lost,  
 Thus every refuge failed me,  
 And all my hopes were crossed.
- 3 At length this great Physician—  
 How matchless is His grace !—  
 Accepted my petition,  
 And undertook my case :  
 Next door to death He found me,  
 And snatched me from the grave,  
 To tell to all around me  
 His wondrous power to save.
- 4 A dying, risen Jesus,  
 Seen by the eye of faith,  
 At once from danger frees us,  
 And saves the soul from death :  
 Come then to this Physician,  
 His help He'll freely give ;  
 He makes no hard condition,  
 'Tis only—Look and live.

76

L. M.

**W**HEN, marshaled on the nightly plain,  
 The glittering hosts bestud the sky,  
 One star alone, of all the train,  
 Can fix the sinner's wandering eye.

- 2 Hark ! hark ! to God the chorus breaks,  
 From every host, from every gem ;  
 But one alone the Saviour speaks,  
 It is the star of Bethlehem.
- 3 Once on the raging seas I rode,  
 The storm was loud—the night was dark,

The ocean yawned, and rudely blowed  
The wind that tossed my foundering bark.

- 4 Deep horror then my vitals froze,  
Death-struck, I ceased the tide to stem ;  
When suddenly a star arose,  
It was the star of Bethlehem.
- 5 It was my guide, my light, my all,  
It bade my dark forebodings cease ;  
And through the storm and danger's thrall,  
It led me to the port of peace.

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C. P. M.

O H, could I speak the matchless worth—  
Oh, could I sound the glories forth  
Which in my Saviour shine,  
I'd soar and touch the heavenly strings,  
And vie with Gabriel, while he sings,  
In notes almost divine.

- 2 I'd sing the precious blood He spilt,  
My ransom from the dreadful guilt  
Of sin and wrath divine ;  
I'd sing His glorious righteousness,  
In which all perfect, heavenly dress,  
My soul shall ever shine.
- 3 I'd sing the characters He bears,  
And all the forms of love He wears,  
Exalted on His throne :  
In loftiest songs of sweetest praise,  
I would to everlasting days  
Make all His glories known.
- 4 Soon the delightful day will come  
When my dear Lord will bring me home,  
And I shall see His face ;

Then with my Saviour, Brother, Friend,  
A blest eternity I'll spend,  
Triumphant in His grace.

## PRECIOUSNESS.

78

S. M.

NOT all the blood of beasts,  
On Jewish altars slain,  
Could give the guilty conscience peace,  
Or wash away our sin.

2 But Christ, the heavenly Lamb,  
Takes all our sins away;  
A sacrifice of nobler name  
And richer blood than they.

3 My faith would lay her hand  
On that dear head of Thine—  
While as a penitent I stand,  
And there confess my sin.

4 My soul looks back to see  
The burden Thou didst bear  
When hanging on the cursed tree,  
And hopes her guilt was there.

5 Believing, we rejoice  
To see the curse remove;  
We bless the Lamb with cheerful voice,  
And sing His bleeding love.

79

C. P. M.

O LOVE divine, how sweet Thou art!  
When shall I find my willing heart  
All taken up by Thee?  
I long, and thirst, and faint, to prove  
The greatness of redeeming love—  
The love of Christ to me.

- 2 Stronger His love than death or hell;  
Its riches are unsearchable;  
The first-born sons of light  
Desire, in vain, its depth to see;  
They cannot reach the mystery,  
The length, and breadth, and height.
- 3 Oh that I could for ever sit,  
With Mary, at the Master's feet!  
Be this my happy choice,  
My only care, delight, and bliss,  
My joy, my heaven on earth be this,  
To hear the Bridegroom's voice.
- 4 Oh that I could, with favored John,  
Recline my weary head upon  
The dear Redeemer's breast!  
From care, and sin, and sorrow free,  
Give me, O Lord, to find in Thee  
My everlasting rest.

80

C. M.

- H**OW sweet the name of Jesus sounds  
In a believer's ear!  
It soothes his sorrows, heals his wounds,  
And drives away his fear.
- 2 It makes the wounded spirit whole,  
And calms the troubled breast;  
'Tis manna to the hungry soul,  
And to the weary rest.
- 3 By Him my prayers acceptance gain,  
Although with sin defiled;  
Satan accuses me in vain,  
When I am owned a child.
- 4 Weak is the effort of my heart,  
And cold my warmest thought;

But when I see Thee as Thou art,  
I'll praise Thee as I ought.

- 5 Till then I would Thy love proclaim  
With every fleeting breath;  
And may the music of Thy name  
Refresh my soul in death.

81

C. M.

**J**ESUS! I love Thy charming name,  
'Tis music to mine ear;  
Fain would I sound it out so loud  
That earth and heaven should hear.

- 2 Yes, Thou art precious to my soul,  
My joy, my hope, my trust;  
Jewels, to Thee, are gaudy toys,  
And gold is sordid dust.
- 3 All my capacious powers can wish  
In Thee most richly meet;  
Not to mine eyes is light so dear,  
Nor friendship half so sweet.
- 4 Thy grace still dwells upon my heart,  
And sheds its fragrance there;—  
The noblest balm of all its wounds,  
The cordial of its care.
- 5 I'll speak the honors of Thy name  
With my last laboring breath;  
Then, speechless, clasp Thee in mine arms,  
The antidote of death.

## PASSION.

82

S. M.

**D**ID Christ for sinners weep?  
And shall our cheeks be dry?  
Let floods of penitential grief  
Burst forth from every eye.



- 2 The Son of God in tears  
 Angels with wonder see;  
 Be thou astonished, O my soul,  
 He shed those tears for Thee.
- 3 He wept that we might weep;  
 Each sin demands a tear:  
 In heaven alone no sin is found,  
 And there's no weeping there.

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*A Litany.*

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- SAVIOUR, when in dust, to Thee,  
 Low we bow th' adoring knee,  
 When, repentant, to the skies  
 Scarce we lift our streaming eyes,  
 Oh by all Thy pains and woe,  
 Suffered once for man below,  
 Bending from Thy throne on high,  
 Hear our solemn litany.
- 2 By Thy birth and early years,  
 By Thy human griefs and fears,  
 By Thy fasting and distress  
 In the lonely wilderness;  
 By the victory in the hour  
 Of the subtle tempter's power;  
 Jesus, look with pitying eye:  
 Hear our solemn litany.
- 3 By Thine hour of dark despair,  
 By Thine agony of prayer,  
 By the purple robe of scorn,  
 By Thy wounds—Thy crown of thorns,  
 By Thy cross—Thy pangs and cries,  
 By Thy perfect sacrifice,  
 Jesus, look with pitying eye;  
 Hear our solemn litany.
- 4 By Thy deep expiring groan,  
 By the sealed sepulchral stone,

By Thy triumph o'er the grave,  
 By Thy power from death to save,  
 Mighty God, ascended Lord,  
 To Thy throne in heaven restored—  
 Prince and Saviour, hear our cry,  
 Hear our solemn litany.

84

L. M.

'TIS midnight—and on Olive's brow  
 The star is dimmed that lately shone;  
 'Tis midnight—in the garden now  
 The suffering Saviour prays alone.

2 'Tis midnight—and from all removed,  
 Immanuel wrestles lone with fears;  
 E'en the disciple that He loved  
 Heeds not his Master's griefs and tears.

3 'Tis midnight—and for others' guilt  
 The Man of sorrows weeps in blood;  
 Yet He that hath in anguish knelt  
 Is not forsaken by His God.

4 'Tis midnight—and from ether plains  
 Is borne the song that angels know:  
 Unheard by mortals are the strains  
 That sweetly soothe the Saviour's woe.

85

7, 6.

O SACRED Head, now wounded,  
 With grief and pain weighed down!  
 How scornfully surrounded  
 With thorns—Thy only crown!  
 O, Sacred Head, what glory,  
 What bliss till now was Thine!  
 Yet, though despised and gory,  
 I joy to call Thee mine.

2 How art Thou pale with anguish,  
 With sore abuse and scorn!

How does that visage languish,  
Which once was bright as morn !  
Thy grief and Thy compassion  
Were all for sinners' gain ;  
Mine, mine was the transgression,  
But Thine the deadly pain.

- 3 What language shall I borrow  
To praise Thee, heavenly Friend,  
For this, Thy dying sorrow—  
Thy pity without end ?  
Lord, make me Thine for ever,  
Nor let me faithless prove ;  
Oh let me never, never  
Abuse such dying love.
- 4 Forbid that I should leave Thee ;  
O Jesus, leave not me ;  
By faith I would receive Thee ;  
Thy blood can make me free ;  
When strength and comfort languish,  
And I must hence depart ;  
Release me then from anguish,  
By Thine own wounded heart.

86

L. M.

**H**E dies, the Friend of sinners dies !  
Lo ! Salem's daughters weep around ;  
A solemn darkness veils the skies,  
A sudden trembling shakes the ground.

- 2 Come, saints, and drop your tears anew  
For Him who groaned beneath your load,  
He shed a thousand drops for you,  
A thousand drops of richest blood !
- 3 Here's love and grief beyond degree :  
The Lord of glory dies for men !  
But, lo ! what sudden joys we see !  
Jesus, the dead, revives again.

- 4 The rising God forsakes the tomb,  
Up to His Father's court He flies;  
Cherubic legions guard Him home,  
And shout Him welcome to the skies.
- 5 Break off your tears, ye saints, and tell  
How high our great Deliverer reigns;  
Sing how He spoiled the hosts of hell,  
And led the monster Death in chains.
- 6 Say: "Live for ever, wondrous King!  
Born to redeem, and strong to save!"  
Then ask the monster: "Where's thy sting?  
And where's thy victory, boasting grave?"

87

Isaiah lxiii.

WHO is this that comes from Edom,  
All His raiment stained with blood,  
To the captive speaking freedom,  
Bringing and bestowing good;  
Glorious in the garb He wears,  
Glorious in the spoil He bears?

- 2 'Tis the Saviour, now victorious,  
Traveling onward in His might;  
'Tis the Saviour, oh how glorious  
To His people is the sight!  
Satan conquered, and the grave;  
Jesus now is strong to save.
- 3 Why that blood His raiment staining?  
'Tis the blood of many slain;  
Of His foes there's none remaining,  
None the contest to maintain:  
Fallen they are, no more to rise,  
All their glory prostrate lies.
- 4 Mighty Victor! reign for ever,  
Wear the crown so dearly won;

Never shall Thy people, never,  
 Cease to sing what Thou hast done:  
 Thou hast fought Thy people's foes;  
 Thou hast healed Thy people's woes.

88

L. M.

**S**TRETCHED on the cross, the Saviour  
 dies;

Hark! His expiring groans arise!  
 See, from His hands, His feet, His side,  
 Runs down the sacred crimson tide!

- 2 But life attends the dreadful sound,  
 And flows from every bleeding wound;  
 The vital stream, how free it flows  
 To save and cleanse His rebel foes!
- 3 To suffer in the traitor's place,  
 To die for man, surprising grace!  
 Yet pass rebellious angels by—  
 Oh why for man, dear Saviour, why?
- 4 Can I survey this scene of woe,  
 Where mingling grief and wonder flow;  
 And yet my heart unmoved remain,  
 Insensible to love or pain?
- 5 Come, dearest Lord! Thy grace impart,  
 To warm this cold, unfeeling heart;  
 Till all its powers and passions move  
 In melting grief and ardent love.

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**S**TRICKEN, smitten and afflicted,  
 See Him dying on the tree;

'Tis the Christ by man rejected,  
 Yes, my soul, 'tis He! 'tis He!

'Tis the long-expected prophet,  
 David's Son, yet David's Lord;

Proofs I see sufficient of it:

'Tis a true and faithful word.

- 2 Tell me, ye who hear Him groaning,  
 Was there ever grief like His?  
 Friends through fear His cause disowning,  
 Foes insulting His distress:  
 Many hands were raised to wound Him,  
 None would interpose to save;  
 But the deepest stroke that pierced Him  
 Was the stroke that justice gave.
- 3 Ye who think of sin but lightly,  
 Nor suppose the evil great,  
 Here may view its nature rightly,  
 Here its guilt may estimate.  
 Mark the sacrifice appointed!  
 See who bears the awful load;  
 'Tis the Word, the Lord's Anointed,  
 Son of man, and Son of God.
- 4 Here we have a firm foundation;  
 Here's the refuge of the lost:  
 Christ's the rock of our salvation:  
 His the name of which we boast:  
 Lamb of God, for sinners wounded!  
 Sacrifice to cancel guilt!  
 None shall ever be confounded  
 Who on Him their hope have built.

## RESURRECTION.

90

7a.

ANGEL, roll the rock away!  
 Death, yield up the mighty prey:  
 See! He rises from the tomb,  
 Glowing with immortal bloom.

- 2 'Tis the Saviour! angels raise  
 Fame's eternal trump of praise;  
 Let the world's remotest bound,  
 Hear the joy-inspiring sound.

- 3 Heaven unfolds its portals wide!  
Mighty Conqueror! through them ride;  
King of glory! mount Thy throne,  
Boundless empire is Thine own.
- 4 Hosts of heaven, seraphic choirs,  
Raptured sweep your golden lyres;  
Sons of men, in humbler strain,  
Sing your mighty Saviour's reign.
- 5 Every note with rapture swell,  
Sin o'erthrown, and captive hell!  
Where, O Death, is now thy sting?  
Where thy terrors, vanquished king?

91

P. M.

“CHRIST, the Lord, is risen to-day,”  
Sons of men and angels say,  
Raise your joys and triumphs high;  
Sing, ye heavens, and earth reply.

- 2 Love's redeeming work is done;  
Fought the fight, the victory won:  
Jesus' agony is o'er;  
Darkness visits earth no more.
- 3 Vain the stone, the watch, the seal;  
Christ has burst the gates of hell:  
Death in vain forbids His rise;  
Christ has opened Paradise.
- 4 Lives again our glorious King:  
Where, O Death, is now thy sting?  
Dying once, He all doth save:  
Where thy victory, O grave?

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Psalm cxviii.

S. M.

SEE what a living stone  
The builders did refuse!  
Yet God hath built His church thereon,  
In spite of envious Jews.

- 2 The work, O Lord, is Thine,  
And wondrous in our eyes:  
This day declares it all divine,  
This day did Jesus rise.
- 3 Since He hath left the grave,  
His promises are true;  
And each exalted hope He gave  
Confirmed of heaven we view.
- 4 Hosanna to the King  
Of David's royal blood!  
Bless Him, ye saints; He comes to bring  
Salvation from your God.
- 5 Oh come the happy hour,  
When all the world shall own  
Thy Son, O God, declared with power,  
And worship at Thy throne!
- 6 We bless Thy holy word,  
Which all this grace displays;  
And offer on Thine altar, Lord,  
Our sacrifice of praise.

93

C. L. M.

**H**OW calm and beautiful the morn  
That gilds the sacred tomb,  
Where once the crucified was borne,  
And veiled in midnight gloom:  
Oh! weep no more the Saviour slain;  
The Lord is risen—He lives again.

- 2 Ye mourning saints! dry every tear  
For your departed Lord;  
"Behold the place—He is not there,"  
The tomb is all unbarred:  
The gates of death were closed in vain:  
The Lord is risen—He lives again.



- 3 Now cheerful to the house of prayer  
 Your early footsteps bend,  
 The Saviour will Himself be there,  
 Your advocate and friend:  
 Once by the law your hopes were slain,  
 But now in Christ ye live again.
- 4 How tranquil now the rising day!  
 'Tis Jesus still appears,  
 A risen Lord to chase away  
 Your unbelieving fears:  
 Oh! weep no more your comforts slain,  
 The Lord is risen—He lives again.
- 5 And when the shades of evening fall,  
 When life's last hour draws nigh,  
 If Jesus shine upon the soul,  
 How blissful then to die:  
 Since He has risen who once was slain,  
 Ye die in Christ to live again.

## ASCENSION.

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7a.

- J**ESUS, our triumphant Head,  
 Risen victorious from the dead,  
 To the realms of glory's gone,  
 To ascend His rightful throne.
- 2 Cherubs on the Conqueror gaze,  
 Seraphs glow with brighter blaze  
 Each bright order of the sky  
 Hails Him as He passes by.
- 3 Heaven its King congratulates,  
 Opens wide her golden gates:  
 Angels songs of victory bring;  
 All the blissful regions ring.

- 4 Sinners, join the heavenly powers,  
 For redemption all is ours :  
 Humble penitents shall prove  
 Blood-bought pardon, dying love.
- 5 Hail, Thou dear, Thou worthy Lord !  
 Holy Lamb ! incarnate Word !  
 Hail, Thou suffering Son of God !  
 Take the trophies of Thy blood.

## MEDIATORIAL REIGN.

95

H. M.

- G**IRD on Thy conquering sword,  
 Ascend Thy shining car,  
 And march, almighty Lord !  
 To wage Thy holy war.  
 Before His wheels, in glad surprise,  
 Ye valleys, rise, and sink, ye hills.
- 2 Fair truth, and smiling love,  
 And injured righteousness,  
 Under Thy banners move,  
 And seek from Thee redress ;  
 Thou in their cause shalt prosperous ride,  
 And far and wide dispense Thy laws.
- 3 Before Thine awful face  
 Millions of foes shall fall,  
 The captives of Thy grace—  
 The grace that captures all.  
 The world shall know, great King of kings,  
 What wondrous things Thine arm can do.
- 4 Here to my willing soul  
 Bend Thy triumphant way ;  
 Here every foe control,  
 And all Thy power display ;  
 My heart, Thy throne, blest Jesus ! see,  
 Bows low to Thee, to Thee alone.

## SECOND ADVENT.

96

**H**ARK! that shout of rapturous joy,  
Bursting forth from yonder cloud!  
Jesus comes, and through the sky  
Angels tell their joy aloud!

2 Hark! the trumpet's awful voice  
Sounds abroad, through sea and land;  
Let His people now rejoice!  
Their redemption is at hand.

3 See! the Lord appears in view;  
Heaven and earth before Him fly!  
Rise, ye saints, He comes for you—  
Rise to meet Him in the sky.

4 Go, and dwell with Him above,  
Where no foe can e'er molest;  
Happy in the Saviour's love,  
Ever blessing, ever blest.

97

**T**HE Lord shall come! the earth shall  
quake;  
The mountains to their centre shake;  
And, withering from the vault of night,  
The stars withdraw their feeble light.

2 The Lord shall come! but not the same  
As once in lowly form He came—  
A silent Lamb before His foes,  
A weary man, and full of woes.

3 The Lord shall come! a dreadful form,  
With wreath of flame, and robe of storm,  
On cherub-wings, and wings of wind,  
Anointed Judge of human kind.

- 4 Can this be He, who wont to stray  
 A pilgrim on the world's highway,  
 By power oppressed, and mocked by  
 pride—  
 The Nazarene, the Crucified?

## PRAISE TO THE REDEEMER.

98

C. M.

**A**LL hail the power of Jesus' name!  
 Let angels prostrate fall:  
 Bring forth the royal diadem,  
 And crown Him Lord of all!

- 2 Crown Him, ye martyrs of our God,  
 Who from His altar call;  
 Extol the stem of Jesse's rod,  
 And crown Him Lord of all!
- 3 Ye chosen seed of Israel's race,  
 A remnant weak and small,  
 Hail Him who saves you by His grace,  
 And crown Him Lord of all!
- 4 Sinners, whose love can ne'er forget  
 The wormwood and the gall;  
 Go, spread your trophies at His feet,  
 And crown Him Lord of all!
- 5 Let every kindred, every tribe,  
 On this terrestrial ball,  
 To Him all majesty ascribe,  
 And crown Him Lord of all!

99

C. M.

**J**OY to the world! the Lord has come!  
 Let earth receive her King:  
 Let every heart prepare Him room,  
 And heaven and nature sing.

- 2 Joy to the earth! the Saviour reigns,  
Let men their songs employ;  
While fields and floods, rocks, hills, and  
plains,  
Repeat the sounding joy.
- 3 No more let sins and sorrows grow,  
Nor thorns infest the ground;  
He comes to make His blessings flow  
Far as the curse is found.
- 4 He rules the world with truth and grace,  
And makes the nations prove  
The glories of His righteousness,  
And wonders of His love.

100      *Tribute to the Lamb.*      C. M

- COME, let us join our cheerful songs  
With angels round the throne;  
Ten thousand thousand are their tongues,  
But all their joys are one.
- 2 "Worthy the Lamb that died," they cry,  
To be exalted thus;  
"Worthy the Lamb," our lips reply,  
For He was slain for us.
- 3 Jesus is worthy to receive  
Honor and power divine;  
And blessings more than we can give  
Be, Lord, for ever Thine.
- 4 Let all that dwell above the sky,  
And air, and earth, and seas,  
Conspire to lift Thy glories high,  
And speak Thine endless praise!

## 101

L. M.

ALL glorious God, what hymns of praise  
Shall our transported voices raise !  
What ardent love and zeal are due,  
While heaven stands open to our view !

- 2 Once we were fallen, and oh how low !  
Just on the brink of endless woe :  
When Jesus, from the realms above,  
Borne on the wings of boundless love,  
3 Scattered the shades of death and night,  
And spread around His heavenly light :  
By Him what wondrous grace is shown  
To souls impoverished and undone !  
4 He shows, beyond these mortal shores,  
A bright inheritance as ours ;  
Where saints in light our coming wait,  
To share their holy, happy state.

## 102

C. M.

OH for a thousand tongues to sing  
My dear Redeemer's praise ;  
The glories of my God and King,  
The triumphs of His grace !

- 2 My gracious Master, and my God,  
Assist me to proclaim,  
To spread through all the earth abroad  
The honors of Thy name.  
3 Jesus, the name that calms our fears,  
That bids our sorrows cease ;  
'Tis music in the sinner's ears ;  
'Tis life, and health, and peace.

4 He breaks the power of reigning sin,  
He sets the prisoner free;  
His blood can make the foulest clean;  
His blood availed for me.

5 Let us obey—we then shall know,  
Shall feel our sins forgiven;  
Anticipate our heaven below,  
And own that love is heaven.

103

10s.

**T**HOU sweet gliding Kedron, by thy  
silver streams  
Our Saviour at midnight, when moonlight's  
pale beams  
Shone bright on the waters, would frequently stray,  
And lose in thy murmurs the toils of the  
day.

2 How damp were the vapors that fell on  
His head!  
How hard was His pillow, how humble  
His bed!  
The angels, astonished, grew sad at the  
sight,  
And followed their Master with solemn  
delight.

3 Oh garden of Olives, thou dear honored  
spot,  
The fame of thy wonders shall ne'er be  
forgot;  
The theme most transporting to seraphs  
above;  
The triumph of sorrow—the triumph of  
love.

- 4 Come, saints, and adore Him; come, bow  
at His feet!  
Oh give Him the glory, the praise that is  
meet;  
Let joyful hosannas unceasing arise,  
And join the full chorus that gladdens the  
skies.

## 104

8s &amp; 7s.

**P**RAISE the Lord! ye heavens, adore  
Him;

Praise Him, angels in the height;  
Sun and moon, rejoice before Him;  
Praise Him, all ye stars of light!

- 2 Praise the Lord—for He hath spoken;  
Worlds His mighty voice obeyed;  
Laws which never shall be broken,  
For their guidance He hath made.
- 3 Praise the Lord—for He is glorious;  
Never shall His promise fail;  
God hath made His saints victorious,  
Sin and death shall not prevail.
- 4 Praise the God of our salvation,  
Hosts on high His power proclaim;  
Heaven and earth, and all creation,  
Laud and magnify His name!  
Hallelujah, Amen.

## 105

8s &amp; 7s.

**H**ARK! ten thousand harps and voices  
Sound the notes of praise above;  
Jesus reigns, and heaven rejoices—  
Jesus reigns, the God of love:  
See He sits on yonder throne;  
Jesus rules the world alone.



- 2 Jesus, hail ! whose glory brightens  
All above, and gives it worth ;  
Lord of life, Thy smile enlightens,  
Cheers, and charms Thy saints on earth :  
When we think of love like Thine,  
Lord, we own it love divine.
- 3 King of glory, reign for ever ;  
Thine an everlasting crown ;  
Nothing from Thy love shall sever  
Those whom Thou hast made Thine own ;  
Happy objects of Thy grace,  
Destined to behold Thy face.
- 4 Saviour, hasten Thine appearing ;  
Bring, oh bring the glorious day,  
When, the awful summons hearing,  
Heaven and earth shall pass away :  
Then, with golden harps, we'll sing,  
"Glory, glory to our King."

106      *Preservation and Redemption.*      C. M.

**Y**E humble souls, approach your God  
With songs of sacred praise ;  
For He is good, immensely good,  
And kind are all His ways.

- 2 All nature owns His guardian care ;  
In Him we live and move :  
But nobler benefits declare  
The wonders of His love.
- 3 He gave His Son, His only Son,  
To ransom rebel worms ;  
'Tis here He makes His goodness known  
In its diviner forms.

- 4 To this dear refuge, Lord, we come ;  
     On this our hope relies ;  
 A safe defence, a peaceful home,  
     When storms of trouble rise.
- 5 Thine eye beholds with kind regard  
     The souls who trust in Thee ;  
 Their humble hope Thou wilt reward  
     With bliss divinely free.
- 6 Great God, to Thine almighty love  
     What honors shall we raise !  
 Not all the raptured songs above  
     Can render equal praise.

## GOD THE SPIRIT.

## INVOKED.

107

L. M.

- E**TERNAL Spirit ! we confess  
 And sing the wonders of Thy grace :  
 Thy power conveys our blessings down  
 From God the Father and the Son.
- 2 Enlightened by Thine heavenly ray,  
 Our shades and darkness turn to day :  
 Thine inward teachings make us know  
 Our danger and our refuge too.
- 3 Thy glorious power works within,  
 And breaks the chains of reigning sin,  
 Doth our imperious lusts subdue,  
 And forms our wretched hearts anew.
- 4 The troubled conscience knows Thy voice,  
 Thy cheering words awake our joys ;  
 Thy words allay the stormy wind,  
 And calm the surges of the mind.

108

C. M.

SPIRIT divine, attend our prayer,  
And make this house Thy home ;  
Descend with all Thy gracious power ;  
Oh come, great Spirit, come.

- 2 Come as the light—to us reveal  
Our sinfulness and woe,  
And lead us in the paths of life,  
Where all the righteous go.
- 3 Come as the fire, and purge our hearts,  
Like sacrificial flame ;  
Let every soul an offering be  
To our Redeemer's name.
- 4 Come, as a dove, and spread Thy wings,  
The wings of peaceful love,  
And let the church on earth become  
Blest as the church above.

109

S. M.

COME, Holy Spirit, come,  
Let Thy bright beams arise ;  
Dispel the sorrow from our minds,  
The darkness from our eyes.

- 2 Convince us of our sin ;  
Then lead to Jesus' blood ;  
And to our wondering view reveal  
The secret love of God.
- 3 Revive our drooping faith ;  
Our doubts and fears remove ;  
And kindle in our breasts the flame  
Of never-dying love.
- 4 'Tis Thine to cleanse the heart,  
To sanctify the soul,

To pour fresh life in every part,  
And new-create the whole.

- 5 Come, Holy Spirit! come;  
Our minds from bondage free:  
Then shall we know, and praise, and love,  
The Father, Son, and Thee.

## 110

C. M.

COME, Holy Spirit, heavenly Dove,  
With all Thy quickening powers,  
Kindle a flame of sacred love  
In these cold hearts of ours.

- 2 See, how we grovel here below,  
Fond of these earthly toys!  
Our souls, how heavily they go  
To reach eternal joys!
- 3 Dear Lord! and shall we always live  
At this poor, dying rate?  
Our love so cold, so faint to Thee,  
And Thine to us so great?
- 4 Come, Holy Spirit, heavenly Dove,  
With all Thy quickening powers;  
Come, shed abroad a Saviour's love,  
And that shall kindle ours.

## 111

L. M.

COME, gracious Spirit, heavenly Dove,  
With light and comfort from above,  
Be Thou our guardian, Thou our guide;  
O'er every thought and step preside.

- 2 Conduct us safe, conduct us far  
From every sin and hurtful snare:  
Lead to Thy word, that rules must give,  
And teach us lessons how to live.

3 The light of truth to us display,  
That we may know and love Thy way;  
Plant holy fear in every heart,  
That we from Thee may ne'er depart.

4 Lead us to righteousness, the road  
That we must take, to dwell with God;  
Lead us to heaven, the seat of bliss,  
Where pleasure in perfection is.

## 112

8s, 7s, PECULIAR.

**H**OLY Ghost, dispel our sadness,  
Pierce the clouds of sinful night:  
Come, Thou Source of all our gladness,  
Breathe Thy life and spread Thy light;  
Loving Spirit, God of peace,  
Great distributor of grace,  
Rest upon this congregation!  
Hear, oh hear our supplication.

2 From that height which knows no measure  
As a gracious shower descend;  
Bringing down the richest treasure  
Man can wish, or God can send.  
Oh Thou Glory, shining down  
From the Father and the Son,  
Grant us Thine illumination!  
Rest on all this congregation.

3 Come, Thou best of all donations  
God can give, or we implore;  
Having Thy sweet consolations,  
We need wish for nothing more:  
Holy Spirit, heavenly Dove,  
Now descending from above,  
Rest on all this congregation,  
Make our hearts Thy habitation.

## POURED OUT.

113

L. M.

**O** SPIRIT of the living God!  
In all Thy plenitude of grace,  
Where'er the foot of man hath trod,  
Descend on our apostate race.

2 Be darkness, at Thy coming, light;  
Confusion, order, in Thy path;  
Souls without strength, inspire with might;  
Bid mercy triumph over wrath.

3 Baptize the nations; far and nigh,  
The triumphs of the cross record;  
The name of Jesus glorify,  
Till every kindred call Him Lord.

4 God from eternity hath willed  
All flesh shall His salvation see;  
So be the Father's love fulfilled,  
The Saviour's sufferings crowned through  
Thee.

114

C. M.

**S**PIRIT of truth, on this Thy day,  
To Thee for help we cry,  
To guide us through the weary way  
Of dark mortality.

2 We ask not, Lord, the cloven flame,  
Or tongues of various tone;  
But long Thy praises to proclaim,  
With fervor in our own.

3 We mourn not that prophetic skill  
Is found on earth no more:  
Enough for us to trace Thy will  
In Scripture's sacred lore.

- 4 When tongues shall cease, and power decay,  
And knowledge empty prove,  
Do Thou Thy trembling servants stay  
With faith, and hope, and love.

## THE CHURCH.

## NATURE AND BLESSEDNESS.

115

C. M.

HOW honored is the sacred place  
Where we adoring stand—  
Zion! the glory of the earth,  
And beauty of the land!

- 2 Bulwarks of mighty grace defend  
The city where we dwell:  
The walls, of strong salvation made,  
Defy th' assaults of hell.
- 3 Lift up the everlasting gates,  
The doors wide open fling;  
Enter, ye nations that obey  
The statutes of our King.
- 4 Here shall you taste unmingled joys,  
And live in perfect peace;  
You who have known Jehovah's name,  
And ventured on His grace.
- 5 Trust in the Lord; for ever trust,  
And banish all your fears:  
Strength in the Lord Jehovah dwells,  
Eternal as His years.

116

S. M.

HOW charming is the place  
Where my Redeemer, God,  
Unveils the beauties of His face,  
And sheds His love abroad!

- 2 Here, on the mercy-seat,  
With radiant glory crowned,  
Our joyful eyes behold Him sit,  
And smile on all around.
- 3 To Him our prayers and cries  
Our humble souls present ;  
He listens to our broken sighs,  
And grants us every want.
- 4 Give me, O Lord, a place  
Within Thy blest abode,  
Among the children of Thy grace,  
The servants of my God.

117 *Longing for our Heavenly Home.* L. M.

- O ZION ! when I think of Thee,  
I wish for pinions like a dove,  
And mourn to think that I should be  
So distant from the place I love.
- 2 An exile here, and far from home,  
For Zion's sacred walls I sigh ;  
Thither the ransomed nations come,  
And see the Saviour eye to eye.
- 3 While here I walk on hostile ground,  
The few that I can call my friends  
Are, like myself, with fetters bound,  
And weariness our steps attends.
- 4 But yet we shall behold the day  
When Zion's children shall return ;  
Our sorrows then shall flee away,  
And we shall never, never mourn.
- 5 The hope that such a day will come  
Makes e'en the exile's portion sweet ;  
Though now we wander far from home,  
In Zion soon we all shall meet.



118

L. M.

**G**REAT Shepherd of Thine Israel,  
 Who didst between the cherubs dwell,  
 And lead the tribes, Thy chosen sheep,  
 Safe through the desert and the deep,—

- 2 Thy church is in the desert now—  
 Shine from on high, and guide us through;  
 Turn us to Thee—Thy love restore,  
 We shall be saved, and sigh no more.
- 3 Hast Thou not planted with Thy hand  
 A lovely vine in this our land?  
 Did not Thy power defend it round,  
 And heavenly dew enrich the ground?
- 4 Return, almighty God, return,  
 Nor let Thy bleeding vineyard mourn;  
 Turn us to Thee—Thy love restore,  
 We shall be saved, and sigh no more.

## VICISSITUDES.

**119** *Prayer for a Revival. P. M., 8s, 7s, 4s.*

**S**AVIOUR, visit Thy plantation,  
 Grant us, Lord, a gracious rain!  
 All will come to desolation,  
 Unless Thou return again:  
 Lord, revive us,  
 All our help must come from Thee!

- 2 Surely, once Thy garden flourished,  
 Every part looked gay and green:  
 Then Thy word our spirits nourished—  
 Happy seasons we have seen!  
 Lord, &c.
- 3 But a drought has since succeeded,  
 And a sad decline we see;

Lord, Thy help is greatly needed—  
 Help can only come from Thee.  
 Lord, &c.

4 Some in whom we once delighted  
 We shall meet no more below;  
 Some, alas! we fear are blighted,  
 Scarce a single leaf they show.  
 Lord, &c.

5 Dearest Saviour, hasten hither,  
 Thou canst make them bloom again!  
 Oh permit them not to wither,  
 Let not all our hopes be vain.  
 Lord, &c.

6 Let our mutual love be fervent;  
 Make us prevalent in prayers;  
 Let each one, esteemed Thy servant,  
 Shun the world's bewitching snares.  
 Lord, &c.

7 Break the tempter's fatal power;  
 Turn the stony heart to flesh;  
 And begin from this good hour  
 To revive Thy work afresh.  
 Lord, revive us,  
 All our help must come from Thee!

120

Psalm cxxxvii.

L. M.

**W**HEN we, our weary limbs to rest,  
 Sat down by proud Euphrates'  
 stream,  
 We wept with doleful thoughts oppressed,  
 And Zion was our mournful theme.

2 Our harps, that when with joy we sung,  
 Were wont their tuneful parts to bear,  
 With silent strings neglected hung  
 On willow-trees that withered there.

- 3 Oh Salem, our once happy seat,  
 When I of thee forgetful prove,  
 Let then my trembling hand forget  
 The speaking strings with art to move!
- 4 If I to mention thee forbear,  
 Perpetual silence be my doom;  
 Or if my chiefest joy compare  
 With thee, Jerusalem, my home!

## REVIVED.

121

8s, 7s &amp; 4s.

- SEE, from Zion's sacred mountain  
 Streams of living water flow;  
 God has opened there a fountain  
 That supplies the world below:  
 They are blesséd  
 Who its sovereign virtues know.
- 2 Through ten thousand channels flowing,  
 Streams of mercy find their way;  
 Life, and health, and joy bestowing,  
 Waking beauty from decay:  
 Oh ye nations,  
 Hail the long-expected day.
- 3 Gladdened by the flowing treasure,  
 All-enriching as it goes,  
 Lo! the desert smiles with pleasure,  
 Buds and blossoms as the rose:  
 Lo! the desert  
 Sings for joy, where'er it flows.

122

11s, 10s.

- DAUGHTER of Zion, awake from thy  
 sadness,  
 Wake! for thy foes shall oppress thee  
 no more;

Bright o'er the hills dawns the day-star  
 of gladness,  
 Rise! for the night of thy sorrows is o'er.

2 Strong were thy foes; but the Arm that  
 subdued them  
 And scattered their legions was mightier  
 far;  
 They fled like the chaff, from the scourge  
 that pursued them,  
 Vain were their steeds and their chariots  
 of war.

3 Daughter of Zion, the Power that hath  
 saved thee  
 Extolled with the harp and the timbrel  
 should be;  
 Shout! for the foe is destroyed that en-  
 slaved thee,  
 Th' oppressor is vanquished, and Zion  
 is free.

123

P. M., 8s, 7s, 4s.

ON the mountain's top appearing,  
 Lo! the sacred herald stands;  
 Welcome news to Zion bearing,  
 Zion long in hostile lands:  
 Mourning captive,  
 God himself will loose thy bands.

2 Has thy night been long and mournful,  
 All thy friends unfaithful proved?  
 Have thy foes been proud and scornful,  
 By thy sighs and tears unmoved?  
 Cease thy mourning,  
 Zion still is well beloved.

3 God, thy God, will now restore thee!  
 He himself appears thy friend:

All thy foes shall flee before thee;  
 Here their boasts and triumphs end.  
 Great deliverance  
 Zion's King vouchsafes to send.

- 4 Peace and joy shall now attend thee,  
 All thy warfare now is past,  
 God, thy Saviour, shall defend thee,  
 Peace and joy are come at last;  
 All thy conflicts  
 End in everlasting rest.

## TRIUMPHANT.

124

Psalm cxxxvii.

S. M.

**I** LOVE Thy kingdom, Lord!  
 The house of Thine abode;  
 The church, O blest Redeemer! saved  
 With Thine own precious blood.

- 2 I love Thy church, O God!  
 Her walls before Thee stand,  
 Dear as the apple of Thine eye,  
 And graven on Thy hand.
- 3 If e'er to bless thy sons  
 My voice or hands deny:  
 These hands let useful skill forsake,  
 This voice in silence die.
- 4 If e'er my heart forget  
 Her welfare or her woe:  
 Let every joy this heart forsake,  
 And every grief o'erflow.
- 5 For her my tears shall fall;  
 For her my prayers ascend;  
 To her my cares and toils be given,  
 Till toils and cares shall end.

- 6 Beyond my highest joy  
I prize her heavenly ways,  
Her sweet communion, solemn vows,  
Her hymns of love and praise.

## 125

Hebrews xii.

C. M.

- N**OT to the terrors of the Lord,  
The tempest, fire, and smoke :  
Not to the thunder of that Word  
Which God on Sinai spoke ;
- 2 But we are come to Sion's hill,  
The city of our God,  
Where milder words declare His will,  
And spread His love abroad.
- 3 Behold th' innumerable host  
Of angels clothed in light :  
Behold the spirits of the just  
Whose faith is changed to sight.
- 4 Behold the blest assembly there  
Whose names are writ in heaven ;  
Hear God, the Judge of all, declare  
Their sins, through Christ, forgiven.
- 5 Angels, and living saints, and dead,  
But one communion make :  
All join in Christ, their vital Head,  
And of His love partake.

## 126

- H**ARK ! the song of jubilee,  
Loud as mighty thunders roar,  
Or the fullness of the sea,  
When it breaks upon the shore !
- 2 See, Jehovah's banner's furled ;  
Sheathed His sword : He speaks—'tis  
done !

Now the kingdoms of this world  
Are the kingdom of His Son.

3 He shall reign from pole to pole  
With supreme, unbounded sway ;  
He shall reign, when, like a scroll,  
Yonder heavens have passed away.

4 Hallelujah ! for the Lord  
God omnipotent shall reign ;  
Hallelujah !—let the word  
Echo round the earth and main.

5 Hallelujah ! hark ! the sound,  
From the centre to the skies,  
Wakes above, beneath, around,  
All creation's harmonies.

6 Then the end—beneath His rod,  
Man's last enemy shall fall :  
Hallelujah ! Christ in God,  
God in Christ, is All in All.

127

L. M.

JESUS shall reign where'er the sun  
Does His successive journeys run ;  
His kingdom stretch from shore to shore,  
Till moons shall wax and wane no more.

2 People and realms of every tongue  
Dwell on His love with grateful song ;  
And with united hearts proclaim  
That grace and truth by Jesus came.

3 Blessings abound where'er He reigns ;  
The prisoner leaps to loose his chains  
The weary find eternal rest,  
And all the sons of want are blest.

- 4 Where He displays His healing power,  
The sting of death is known no more:  
In Him the sons of Adam boast  
More blessings than their father lost.

128

8s &amp; 7s.

**G**LORIOUS things of thee are spoken,  
Zion, city of our God;  
He, whose word cannot be broken,  
Formed thee for His own abode:  
On the Rock of Ages founded,  
What can shake thy sure repose?  
With salvation's walls surrounded,  
Thou may'st smile at all thy foes.

- 2 See, the streams of living waters,  
Springing from eternal love,  
Well supply thy sons and daughters,  
And all fear of want remove:  
Who can faint while such a river  
Ever flows thy thirst t' assuage?  
Grace which, like the Lord, the giver,  
Never fails from age to age.

- 3 'Round each habitation hovering,  
See the cloud and fire appear,  
For a glory and a covering,  
Showing that the Lord is near:  
Thus deriving from their banner  
Light by night and shade by day;  
Safe they feed upon the manna  
Which He gives them when they pray.

129

L. M.

**T**RIONPHANT Zion! lift thy head  
From dust and darkness, and the dead!  
Though humbled long—awake at length,  
And gird thee with Thy Saviour's strength!



- 2 Put all thy beauteous garments on,  
And let thy excellence be known ;  
Decked in the robes of righteousness,  
The world thy glories shall confess.
- 3 No more shall foes unclean invade,  
And fill thy hallowed walls with dread ;  
No more shall hell's insulting host  
Their victory and thy sorrows boast.
- 4 God, from on high, has heard thy prayer  
His hand thy ruins shall repair ;  
Nor will thy watchful Monarch cease  
To guard thee in eternal peace.

## JOINING THE CHURCH.

130

S. M.

- O**H cease, my wandering soul,  
On restless wing to roam ;  
All this wide world, to either pole,  
Has not for thee a home !
- 2 Behold the ark of God ;  
Behold the open door ;  
Oh haste to gain that dear abode,  
And rove, my soul, no more !
- 3 There safe thou shalt abide,  
There sweet shall be thy rest ;  
And every longing satisfied,  
With full salvation blest !

131

7s.

**P**EOPLE of the living God,  
I have sought the world around,  
Paths of sin and sorrow trod,  
Peace and comfort nowhere found.

- 2 Now to you my spirit turns—  
Turns a fugitive unblest;  
Brethren, where your altar burns,  
Oh receive me into rest!
- 3 Lonely I no longer roam,  
Like the cloud, the wind, the wave;  
Where you dwell shall be my home,  
Where you die shall be my grave.
- 4 Mine the God whom you adore;  
Your Redeemer shall be mine;  
Earth can fill my soul no more,  
Every idol I resign.
- 5 Tell me not of gain and loss,  
Ease, enjoyment, pomp and power;  
Welcome, poverty and cross,  
Shame, reproach, affliction's power.
- 6 "Follow me!" I know Thy voice;  
Jesus, Lord, Thy steps I see:  
Now I take Thy yoke by choice,  
Light's Thy burden now to me.

132

C. M

**M**Y God, accept my heart this day  
And make it always Thine,  
That I from Thee no more may stray,  
No more from Thee decline.

- 2 Before the cross of Him who died,  
Behold I prostrate fall:  
Let every sin be crucified,  
Let Christ be all in all.
- 3 Anoint me with Thy heavenly grace,  
Adopt me for Thine own,  
That I may see Thy glorious face,  
And worship at Thy throne.

- 4 May the dear blood once shed for me,  
 My blest atonement prove,  
 That I from first to last may be  
 The purchase of Thy love.
- 5 Let every thought, and work, and word,  
 To Thee be ever given ;  
 Then life shall be Thy service, Lord,  
 And death the gate of heaven.

## ATONEMENT.

### ORIGIN AND NATURE.

133

- E**RE earth's foundations yet were laid,  
 Or heaven's fair roof was spread  
 abroad ;  
 Ere man a living soul was made,  
 Love stirred within the heart of God.
- 2 Thy loving counsel gave to me  
 True life in Christ, Thy only Son,  
 Whom Thou hast made my way to Thee,  
 From whom all grace flows ever down.
- 3 Oh Love, that long ere time began,  
 This precious name of child bestowed ;  
 That opened heaven on earth to man,  
 And called us sinners "sons of God!"
- 4 I am not worthy, Lord, that Thou  
 Shouldst such compassion on me show,  
 That He who made the world should bow  
 To cheer with love a wretch so low.
- 5 Could I but honor Thee aright,  
 Noble and sweet my song should be ;  
 That earth and heaven should learn Thy  
 might,  
 And what my God hath done for me.

134 *Praise to the Redeemer.* C. M.

**P**LUNGED in a gulf of dark despair  
 We wretched sinners lay,  
 Without one cheerful beam of hope,  
 Or spark of glimmering day.

2 With pitying eyes, the Prince of Grace  
 Beheld our helpless grief,  
 He saw, and (oh amazing love!)  
 He ran to our relief.

3 Down from the shining seats above  
 With joyful haste He fled,  
 Entered the grave in mortal flesh,  
 And dwelt among the dead.

4 He spoiled the powers of darkness thus,  
 And brake our iron chains;  
 Jesus has freed our captive souls  
 From everlasting pains.

5 Oh for this love let rocks and hills  
 Their lasting silence break,  
 And all harmonious human tongues  
 The Saviour's praises speak.

6 Angels, assist our mighty joys,  
 Strike all your harps of gold;  
 But when you raise your highest notes  
 His love can ne'er be told.

## FULLNESS.

## 135 H. M.

**B**LOW ye the trumpet, blow  
 The gladly solemn sound  
 Let all the nations know,  
 To earth's remotest bound,  
 The year of Jubilee is come;  
 Return, ye ransomed sinners, home.

- 2 Exalt the Lamb of God,  
 The sin-atonning Lamb;  
 Redemption by His blood  
 Through all the lands proclaim:  
 The year of Jubilee is come;  
 Return, ye ransomed sinners, home.
- 3 Ye slaves of sin and hell,  
 Your liberty receive;  
 And safe in Jesus dwell,  
 And blest in Jesus live:  
 The year of Jubilee is come;  
 Return, ye ransomed sinners, home.
- 4 The gospel trumpet hear,  
 The news of pardoning grace;  
 Ye happy souls, draw near,  
 Behold your Saviour's face:  
 The year of Jubilee is come;  
 Return, ye ransomed sinners, home.
- 5 Jesus, our great High Priest,  
 Has full atonement made;  
 Ye weary spirits, rest;  
 Ye mournful souls, be glad:  
 The year of Jubilee is come;  
 Return, ye ransomed sinners, home.

136

S. M.

GRACE! 'tis a charming sound!  
 Harmonious to the ear!  
 Heaven with the echo shall resound,  
 And all the earth shall hear.

- 2 Grace first contrived the way  
 To save rebellious man;  
 And all the means that grace display  
 Which drew the wondrous plan.

- 3 Grace led my roving feet  
 To tread the heavenly road;  
 And new supplies, each hour, I meet,  
 While pressing on to God.
- 4 Grace all the work shall crown,  
 Through everlasting days;  
 It lays in heaven the topmost stone,  
 And well deserves the praise.

137

C. M.

- W**HAT is the thing of greatest price  
 The whole creation round?  
 That which was lost in Paradise,  
 That which in Christ is found.
- 2 The soul of man—Jehovah's breath,  
 That keeps two worlds at strife;  
 Hell moves beneath to work its death;  
 Heaven stoops to give it life.
- 3 God, to redeem it, did not spare  
 His well-beloved Son;  
 Jesus, to save it, deigned to bear  
 The sins of all in one.
- 4 And is this treasure borne below,  
 In earthen vessels frail?  
 Can none its utmost value know,  
 Till flesh and spirit fail?
- 5 Then let us gather round the cross,  
 That knowledge to obtain;  
 Not by the soul's eternal loss,  
 But everlasting gain.

## GREATNESS.

138

L. M.

**L**ORD, didst Thou die, but not for me?  
 Am I forbid to trust Thy blood?  
 Hast Thou not pardon, rich and free?  
 And grace, an overwhelming flood?

- 2 Presumptuous thought ! to fix the bound—  
 To limit mercy's sovereign reign :  
 What other happy souls have found,  
 I'll seek ; nor shall I seek in vain.
- 3 I own my guilt, my sins confess ;  
 Can men or devils make them more ?  
 Of crimes, already numberless,  
 Vain the attempt to swell the score.
- 4 Were the black list before my sight,  
 While I remember Thou hast died,  
 'Twould only urge my speedier flight  
 To seek salvation at Thy side.
- 5 Low at Thy feet I'll cast me down,  
 To Thee reveal my guilt and fear ;  
 And, if Thou spurn me from Thy throne,  
 I'll be the first who perished there.

## PRAISE FOR THE ATONEMENT.

139

C. M.

- T**HERE is a fountain filled with blood  
 Drawn from Immanuel's veins ;  
 And sinners, plunged beneath that flood,  
 Lose all their guilty stains.
- 2 The dying thief rejoiced to see  
 That fountain in His day ;  
 Oh there may I, though vile as He,  
 Wash all my sins away !
- 3 Dear dying Lamb, Thy precious blood  
 Shall never lose its power,  
 Till all the ransomed church of God  
 Be saved, to sin no more.
- 4 E'er since, by faith, I saw the stream  
 Thy flowing wounds supply,  
 Redeeming love has been my theme,  
 And shall be till I die.

- 5 Then in a nobler, sweeter song,  
I'll sing Thy power to save;  
When this poor lisping, stammering tongue  
Lies silent in the grave.

140

C. M.

- S**ALVATION, oh the joyful sound!  
'Tis music to our ears;  
A sovereign balm for every wound,  
A cordial for our fears.
- 2 Buried in sorrow and in sin,  
At hell's dark door we lay:  
But we arise by grace divine,  
To see a heavenly day.
- 3 Salvation! let the echo fly  
The spacious earth around;  
While all the armies of the sky  
Conspire to raise the sound.

*Chorus.*

Glory, honor, praise and power,  
Be unto the Lamb forever;  
Jesus Christ is our Redeemer,  
Hallelujah! praise the Lord!

141

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- H**AIL! Thou once-despised Jesus,  
Hail! Thou Galilean King!  
Thou didst suffer to release us;  
Thou didst free salvation bring:  
Hail! Thou agonizing Saviour,  
Bearer of our sin and shame!  
By Thy merits we find favor;  
Life is given through Thy name.
- 2 Paschal Lamb, by God appointed,  
All our sins on Thee were laid;



By almighty love anointed,  
 Thou hast full atonement made:  
 All Thy people are forgiven  
 Through the virtue of Thy blood;  
 Opened is the gate of heaven;  
 Peace is made 'twixt man and God.

3 Jesus, hail ! enthroned in glory,  
 There for ever to abide !  
 All the heavenly host adore Thee,  
 Seated at Thy Father's side:  
 There for sinners Thou art pleading ;  
 There Thou dost our place prepare ;  
 Ever for us interceding,  
 Till in glory we appear.

4 Worship, honor, power, and blessing,  
 Thou art worthy to receive ;  
 Loudest praises, without ceasing,  
 Meet it is for us to give :  
 Help, ye bright angelic spirits !  
 Bring your sweetest, noblest lays !  
 Help to sing our Saviour's merits ;  
 Help to chant Immanuel's praise.

## ANGELIC MINISTRY.

142      *The Ministry of Angels.*      L. M.

**G**REAT God ! what hosts of angels stand  
 In shining ranks at Thy right hand,  
 Arrayed in robes of dazzling light,  
 With pinions stretched for distant flight !

2 Immortal fires ! seraphic flames !  
 Who can recount their various names ?  
 In strength and beauty they excel ;  
 For near the throne of God they dwell.

- 3 How eagerly they wish to know  
The duties He would have them do!  
What joy their active spirits feel,  
To execute their Sovereign's will!
- 4 Hither, at His command, they fly  
To guard the beds on which we lie,  
To shield our persons night and day,  
And scatter all our fears away.
- 5 Send, O my God, some angel down,  
(Though to a mortal eye unknown,)  
To guide and guard my doubtful way  
Up to the realms of endless day.

## 143

Psalm xci.

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**G**OD shall charge His angel legions  
Watch and ward o'er thee to keep:  
Though thou walk through hostile regions,  
Though in desert wilds thou sleep.

- 2 On the lion vainly roaring,  
On his young, thy foot shall tread;  
And, the dragon's den exploring,  
Thou shalt bruise the serpent's head.
- 3 Since, with pure and firm affection,  
Thou on God hast set thy love,  
With the wings of His protection  
He will shield thee from above:
- 4 Thou shalt call on Him in trouble,  
He will hearken, He will save;  
Here for grief reward thee double,  
Crown with life beyond the grave.

## 144

C. M.

**B**EYOND the glittering, starry skies,  
Far as th' eternal hills,  
There, in the boundless worlds of light,  
Our dear Redeemer dwells.

- 2 Legions of angels round His throne  
 In countless armies shine,  
 And swell His praise with golden harps,  
 Attuned to songs divine.
- 3 "Hail, glorious Prince of peace!" they cry,  
 "Whose unexampled love  
 Moved Thee to quit these glorious realms,  
 And royalties above."
- 4 Through all His travels here below  
 They did His steps attend,  
 Oft wondering how, or where, at last,  
 The mystic scene would end.
- 5 They saw His heart transfixed with wounds,  
 And viewed the crimson gore;  
 They saw Him break the bars of death,  
 Which none e'er broke before.
- 6 They brought His chariot from above,  
 To bear Him to His throne;  
 Clapped their triumphant wings, and cried,  
 "The glorious work is done!"

145

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**H**OW cheering the thought that the  
 spirits in bliss  
 Should bow their bright wings to a world  
 such as this,  
 And leave the sweet songs of the mansions  
 above,  
 To breathe o'er our bosom some message  
 of love!

- 2 They come—on the wings of the morning  
 they come,  
 To convoy the stranger in peace to his  
 home;

The pilgrim to waft from this stormy  
 abode,  
 And lay him to rest in the arms of his  
 God.

- 3 They come when we wander, they come  
 when we pray,  
 In mercy to guard us wherever we stray :  
 A glorious cloud their bright witness is  
 given ;  
 Encircling us here are these angels of  
 heaven.

146

C. M.

ANGELS, where'er we go, attend  
 Our steps, whate'er betide,  
 With watchful care their charge defend,  
 And evil turn aside.

- 2 Myriads of bright cherubic bands,  
 Sent by the King of kings,  
 Rejoice to bear us in their hands,  
 And shade us with their wings.
- 3 Jehovah's charioteers surround ;  
 The ministerial choir  
 Encamp where'er his heirs are found,  
 And form our wall of fire.
- 4 Ten thousand offices unseen  
 For us they gladly do,  
 Deliver in the furnace keen,  
 And safe escort us through.
- 5 But thronging round, with busiest love  
 They guard the dying breast,  
 The lurking fiend far off remove,  
 And sing our souls to rest.

- 6 And when our spirits we resign,  
On outstretched wings they bear,  
And lodge us in the arms divine,  
And leave us ever there.

## GOSPEL MINISTRY.

147

S. M.

- H**OW beauteous are their feet  
Who stand on Zion's hill !  
Who bring salvation on their tongues,  
And words of peace reveal.
- 2 How charming is their voice !  
How sweet the tidings are !  
"Zion, behold thy Saviour King ;  
He reigns and triumphs here."
- 3 How happy are our ears,  
That hear this joyful sound,  
Which kings and prophets waited for,  
And sought, but never found !
- 4 How blessed are our eyes,  
That see this heavenly light !  
Prophets and kings desired it long,  
But died without the sight.
- 5 The watchmen join their voice,  
And tuneful notes employ ;  
Jerusalem breaks forth in songs,  
And deserts learn the joy.
- 6 The Lord makes bare His arm  
Through all the earth abroad ;  
Let all the nations now behold  
Their Saviour and their God.

148

S. M.

**E**QUIP me for the war,  
And teach my hands to fight;  
My simple, upright heart prepare,  
And guide my words aright.

2 Control my every thought;  
And all my sins remove;  
Let all my works in Thee be wrought,  
Let all be wrought in love.

3 Oh arm me with the mind,  
Meek Lamb, that was in Thee!  
And let enlightened zeal be joined  
With perfect charity.

4 Oh may I love like Thee!  
In all Thy footsteps tread;  
Thou hatest all iniquity,  
But naught that Thou hast made.

5 Oh may I learn the art,  
With meekness to reprove!  
And hate the sin with all my heart,  
But still the sinner love.

149 *For the Success of Ministers.* L. M.

**F**ATHER of mercies, bow Thine ear,  
Attentive to our earnest prayer:  
We plead for those who plead for Thee:  
Successful pleaders may they be.

2 Oh clothe their words with power divine,  
And let those words be ever Thine;  
To them Thy sacred truth reveal;  
Suppress their fear, inflame their zeal.

3 Teach them to sow the precious seed;  
Teach them Thy chosen flock to feed;

Teach them immortal souls to gain—  
And thus reward their toil and pain.

- 4 Let thronging multitudes around  
Hear from their lips the joyful sound ;  
In humble strains Thy grace implore,  
And feel Thy Spirit's living power.

150      *Ordination of Ministers.*      L. M.

AS when to ancient Horeb's brow  
Moses, an humble shepherd, came,  
And there, in solemn grandeur, Thou,  
O Lord, addressed Him, 'midst the flame ;

- 2 So these, Thy waiting servants here,  
Stand on as holy ground to-day,  
In grateful love and reverent fear,  
Thy better message to obey.
- 3 Hear Thou the solemn vows they make,  
As round Thine altar low they bend ;  
The offering of their spirits take,  
And signals of acceptance send.
- 4 They go Thy sacred truth to tell ;  
Break, as they preach, the heavy night,  
Let gladness through the desert swell,  
And cheer their path with living light.
- 5 Or if with tears the seed they bear,  
And droop beneath their toil and pain,  
Oh hear their sorrowing, humble prayer,  
And with their heavy load sustain.
- 6 And when life's labors all are o'er,  
May they with sheaves rejoicing come ;  
Then round them cloudless glory pour,  
And take them 'mid that glory home.

151

C. M.

LET Zion's watchmen all awake,  
And take th' alarm they give;  
Now let them from the mouth of God  
Their solemn charge receive.

- 2 'Tis not a cause of small import  
The pastor's care demands;  
But what might fill an angel's heart,  
And filled a Saviour's hands.
- 3 They watch for those for whom the Lord  
Did heavenly bliss forego;  
For souls, that must forever live  
In rapture, or in woe.
- 4 May they that Jesus whom they preach,  
Their own Redeemer, see!  
And watch Thou daily o'er their souls,  
That they may watch for Thee.

152

*On the Dangerous Illness of a Minister.* L. M.

OH Thou, before whose gracious throne  
We bow our suppliant spirits down,  
Thou knowest the anxious cares we feel,  
And all our trembling lips would tell.

- 2 Avert Thy swift descending stroke,  
Nor smite the shepherd of the flock,  
Lest o'er the barren waste we stray,  
To prowling wolves an easy prey.
- 3 Restore him sinking to the grave,  
Stretch out Thine arm, make haste to save;  
Back to our hope and wishes give,  
And bid our friend and father live.



- 4 Yet, if our supplications fail,  
And prayers and tears can naught prevail,  
Condemned on this dark desert coast  
To mourn our much-loved leader lost;
- 5 Be Thou his strength, be Thou his stay,  
Support him through the untried way;  
Comfort his soul, surround his bed,  
And guide him through the dreary shade.
- 6 Around him may Thy angels wait,  
Decked with their robes of heavenly state,  
To teach his happy soul to rise,  
And waft him to his native skies.

## 153

S. M.

- AND are we yet alive,  
And see each other's face?  
Glory and praise to Jesus give  
For His redeeming grace!  
Preserved by power divine  
To full salvation here,  
Again in Jesus' praise we join,  
And in His sight appear.
- 2 What troubles have we seen!  
What conflicts have we passed!  
Fightings without, and fears within,  
Since we assembled last;  
But out of all the Lord  
Hath brought us by His love;  
And still He does His help afford,  
And hides our life above.
- 3 Then let us make our boast  
Of His redeeming power,  
Which saves us to the uttermost,  
Till we can sin no more:

Let us take up the cross,  
Till we the crown obtain ;  
And gladly reckon all things loss,  
So we may Jesus gain.

## BAPTISM.

## ADULTS.

154

Romans vi.

C. M.

**W**E long to move and breathe in Thee,  
Inspired with Thine own breath,  
To live Thy life, O Lord, and be  
Baptized into Thy death ;

2 Thy death to sin we die below,  
But we shall rise in love ;  
We here are planted in Thy woe,  
But we shall bloom above ;

3 Above we shall Thy glory share,  
As we Thy cross have borne ;  
Even we shall crowns of honor wear,  
When we the thorns have worn.

4 Thy crown of thorns is all our boast,  
While now we fall before  
The Father, Son, and Holy Ghost,  
And tremble, love, adore.

## INFANTS.

155

C. M.

**S**EE Israel's gentle shepherd stands,  
With all-engaging charms !  
Hark ! how He calls the tender lambs,  
And takes them in His arms !

- 2 "Permit them to approach, (He cries,) Nor scorn their humble name;  
It was to save such souls as these  
With power and love I came."
- 3 We bring them, Lord, with grateful hearts,  
And yield them up to Thee;  
Rejoiced that we ourselves are Thine,  
Thine let our offspring be!
- 4 Thus Lydia's house was sanctified,  
When she received the word;  
Thus the believing jailer gave  
His family to the Lord.
- 5 Ye little flock, with pleasure hear;  
Ye children, seek His face;  
And fly with transport to receive  
The gospel of His grace.
- 6 If orphans they are left behind,  
Thy care, O God! we trust;  
And let Thy promise cheer our hearts,  
If weeping o'er their dust.

## 156

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- SAVIOUR, who Thy flock art feeding,  
With the shepherd's kindest care,  
All the feeble gently leading,  
While the lambs Thy bosom share,—
- 2 Now, these little ones receiving,  
Fold them in Thy gracious arm;  
There, we know, Thy word believing,  
Only there, secure from harm.
- 3 Never from Thy pasture roving,  
Let them be the lion's prey;  
Let Thy tenderness, so loving,  
Keep them all life's dangerous way:

- 4 Then, within Thy fold eternal,  
Let them find a resting-place;  
Feed in pastures ever vernal,  
Drink the rivers of Thy grace.

## THE LORD'S SUPPER.

157

L. M.

- 'TWAS on that dreadful, doleful night,  
When the whole power of darkness  
rose  
Against the Son of God's delight,  
And friends betrayed Him to His foes;
- 2 Before the mournful scene began,  
He took the bread, and blessed, and  
broke;  
What love through all His actions ran!  
What wondrous words of grace He spake!
- 3 "This is my body broke for sin;  
Receive and eat the living food:"  
Then took the cup and blessed the wine:  
" 'Tis the new covenant in my blood."
- 4 "Do this (he said) till time shall end  
In memory of your dying friend;  
Meet at my table and record  
The love of your departed Lord."

158

C. M.

- IF human kindness meets return,  
And owns the grateful tie;  
If tender thoughts within us burn,  
To feel a friend is nigh,—
- 2 Oh shall not warmer accents tell  
The gratitude we owe  
To Him, who died, our fears to quell—  
Who bore our guilt and woe!

- 3 While yet in anguish He surveyed  
Those pangs He would not flee,  
What love His latest words displayed—  
“Meet and remember me!”
- 4 Remember Thee—Thy death, Thy shame,  
Our sinful hearts to share!  
Oh memory! leave no other name  
But His recorded there.

**159**      *Sitting at Jesus' Feet.* P. M., 8s & 7s.

- SWEET the moments, rich in blessing,  
Which before the cross I spend;  
Life, and health, and peace possessing,  
From the sinner's dying Friend:
- 2 Love and grief my heart dividing,  
With my tears His feet I'll bathe;  
Constant still, in faith abiding,  
Life deriving from His death.
- 3 Truly blessed is this station—  
Low before His cross I'll lie;  
While I see divine compassion  
Beaming from His languid eye;
- 4 Here I'll sit—for ever viewing  
Mercy streaming in His blood:  
Precious drops, my soul bedewing,  
Plead and claim my peace with God.

**160**

L. M.

“EAT, drink, in memory of your friend!”  
Such was our Master's last request;  
Who all the pangs of death endured,  
That we might live for ever blest.

- 2 Yes, we'll record Thy matchless grace,  
Thou dearest, tenderest, best of friends!  
Thy dying love the noblest praise  
Of long eternity transcends.
- 3 'Tis pleasure more than earth can give,  
Thy goodness through these veils to see,  
Thy table food celestial yields;  
And happy they who sit with Thee.
- 4 But oh! what vast transporting joys  
Shall fill our breasts, our tongues inspire,  
When, joined with the celestial train,  
Our grateful souls Thy love admire!

- ACCORDING to Thy gracious word,  
In meek humility,  
This will I do, my dying Lord,  
I will remember Thee.
- 2 Thy body, broken for my sake,  
My bread from heaven shall be;  
Thy testamental cup I take,  
And thus remember Thee.
- 3 Gethsemane can I forget?  
Or there Thy conflict see,  
Thine agony and bloody sweat,  
And not remember Thee?
- 4 When to the cross I turn mine eyes,  
And rest on Calvary,  
Oh Lamb of God, my sacrifice!  
I must remember Thee:
- 5 Remember Thee, and all Thy pains.  
And all Thy love to me;

Yea, while a breath, a pulse remains,  
Will I remember Thee.

- 6 And when these failing lips grow dumb,  
And mind and memory flee,  
When Thou shalt in Thy kingdom come,  
Jesus, remember me.

162

*A Sacramental Hymn.*

C. M.

**L**ORD, at Thy table I behold  
The riches of Thy grace ;  
But wonder, most of all, that I  
Should find a welcome place :

- 2 I that am all defiled with sin,  
A rebel to my God ;  
I that have crucified His Son,  
And trampled on His blood.
- 3 What strange, surprising grace is this,  
That such a soul has room !  
My Saviour takes me by the hand,  
My Jesus bids me come.
- 4 " Eat, oh my friend," the Saviour cries,  
" The feast was made for you ;  
For you I groaned, and bled, and died,  
And rose, and triumphed too."
- 5 With trembling faith, and bleeding hearts,  
Lord, we accept Thy love :  
'Tis a rich banquet we have had ;  
What will it be above !
- 6 Had I ten thousand hearts, dear Lord,  
I'd give them all to Thee ;  
Had I ten thousand tongues, they all  
Should join the harmony.

## THE SABBATH.

163 *Commemorative of the Resurrection. C. M.*

THIS is the day the Lord hath made;  
He calls the hours His own:  
Let heaven rejoice, let earth be glad,  
And praise surround the throne.

2 To-day arose our glorious Head,  
And death's dread empire fell;  
To-day, the saints His triumph spread,  
And all its wonders tell.

3 Hosanna! the anointed King  
Ascends His destined throne:  
To God our grateful homage bring,  
And His Messiah own.

4 Blest be the Lord, who came to men  
With messages of grace;  
Who came in God His Father's name  
To save our sinful race.

5 Hosanna in the highest strains  
The church on earth can raise!  
The highest heavens in which He reigns  
Shall give Him nobler praise.

## 164

C. M.

WHEN the worn spirit wants repose,  
And sighs for God to seek,  
How sweet to hail the evening's close  
That ends the weary week!

2 How sweet will be the early dawn  
That opens on the sight,  
When first the soul-reviving morn  
Shall shed new rays of light!



- 3 Blest day! thine hours too soon will cease,  
Yet, while they gently roll,  
Breathe, heavenly Spirit, source of peace,  
A Sabbath o'er my soul.
- 4 When will my pilgrimage be done,  
The world's long week be o'er,  
That Sabbath dawn which needs no sun,  
That day which fades no more?

## 165

L. M.

- SWEET is the light of Sabbath eve,  
And soft the sunbeams lingering there;  
For these blest hours the world I leave,  
Wafted on wings of faith and prayer.
- 2 Season of rest! the tranquil soul  
Feels the sweet calm, and melts in love;  
And while these sacred moments roll,  
Faith sees a smiling heaven above.
- 3 Nor will our days of toil be long:  
Our pilgrimage will soon be trod;  
And we shall join the ceaseless song,  
The endless Sabbath of our God.

## 166

L. M.

- SWEET is the work, my God, my King,  
To praise Thy name, give thanks, and  
sing;  
To show Thy love by morning light,  
And talk of all Thy truth by night.
- 2 Sweet is the day of sacred rest;  
No mortal cares shall seize my breast;  
Oh may my heart in tune be found,  
Like David's harp of solemn sound!

- 3 When grace has purified my heart  
Then I shall share a glorious part  
And fresh supplies of joy be shed,  
Like holy oil to cheer my head.
- 4 Then shall I see, and hear, and know  
All I desired or wished below;  
And every power find sweet employ  
In that eternal world of joy.

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L. M.

IS there a time when moments flow,  
More peacefully than all beside?  
It is, of all the times below,  
A Sabbath eve in summer's tide.

- 2 Delightful scene! a world at rest,  
A God of love—no grief, no fear,  
A heavenly hope, a peaceful breast,  
A smile unsullied by a tear.
- 3 If heaven be ever felt below,  
A scene so heavenly, sure, as this,  
May cause a heart on earth to know  
Some foretaste of celestial bliss.
- 4 Delightful hour! how soon will night  
Spread her dark mantle o'er thy reign,  
And soon the morn's returning light  
Will call us to the world again!
- 5 Yet will there dawn at last a day,  
A sun that never sets shall rise,  
Night will not veil His glorious ray:  
The heavenly Sabbath never dies.

## PRAYER.

## PRAYER IN GENERAL.

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C. M.

OUR Father, God, who art in heaven,  
All hallowed be Thy name!  
Thy kingdom come; Thy will be done,  
In earth and heaven the same!

2 Give us, this day, our daily bread;  
And as we those forgive  
Who sin against us, so may we  
Forgiving grace receive.

3 Into temptation lead us not;  
From evil set us free;  
And Thine the kingdom, Thine the power  
And glory, ever be!

169

L. M.

FROM every stormy wind that blows,  
From every swelling tide of woes,  
There is a calm, a sure retreat;  
'Tis found beneath the mercy-seat.

2 There is a place where Jesus sheds  
The oil of gladness on our heads—  
A place, than all besides, more sweet;  
It is the blood-bought mercy-seat.

3 There is a scene where spirits blend,  
Where friend holds fellowship with friend;  
Though sundered far, by faith they meet  
Around one common mercy-seat.

4 Ah! whither could we flee for aid,  
When tempted, desolate, dismayed?  
Or how the hosts of hell defeat,  
Had suffering saints no mercy-seat?

- 5 There, there on eagle wings we soar,  
And sense and sin molest no more,  
And heaven comes down our souls to greet,  
And glory crowns the mercy-seat.
- 6 Oh! let my hand forget her skill,  
My tongue be silent, cold, and still,  
This throbbing heart forget to beat,  
If I forget the mercy-seat.

## 170

C. M.

- P**RAYER is the soul's sincere desire,  
Uttered or unexpressed,  
The motion of a hidden fire  
That trembles in the breast.
- 2 Prayer is the burden of a sigh,  
The falling of a tear;  
The upward glancing of an eye  
When none but God is near.
- 3 Prayer is the simplest form of speech  
That infant lips can try;  
Prayer the sublimest strains that reach  
The Majesty on high.
- 4 Prayer is the Christian's vital breath,  
The Christian's native air,  
His watchword at the gate of death—  
He enters heaven with prayer.
- 5 Prayer is the contrite sinner's voice,  
Returning from his ways,  
While angels in their songs rejoice,  
And say, "Behold, he prays."
- 6 In prayer; on earth, the saints are one;  
They're one in word and mind,  
When with the Father and the Son  
Sweet fellowship they find.

- 7 O Thou, by whom we come to God,  
The Life, the Truth, the Way,  
The path of prayer Thyself hast trod ;  
Lord, teach us how to pray.

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L. M.

- P**RAYER was appointed to convey  
The blessings God designs to give ;  
Long as they live, should Christians pray,  
For only while they pray, they live.
- 2 The Christian's heart his prayer indites,  
He speaks as prompted from within ;  
The Spirit his petition writes,  
And Christ receives, and gives it in.
- 3 And shall we in dead silence lie,  
When Christ stands waiting for our  
prayer ?  
My soul, thou hast a Friend on high ;  
Arise, and try thine interest there.
- 4 If pains afflict, or wrongs oppress—  
If cares distract, or fears dismay—  
If guilt deject—if sin distress,  
The remedy's before thee—pray.
- 5 'Tis prayer supports the soul that's weak ;  
Though thought be broken—language  
lame,  
Pray, if thou canst, or canst not speak,  
But pray with faith in Jesus' name.

172

L. M.

- B**LEST hour ! when mortal man retires  
To hold communion with his God,  
To send to heaven his warm desires,  
And listen to the sacred word.

- 2 Blest hour ! when God himself draws nigh,  
Well pleased His people's voice to hear,  
To hush the penitential sigh,  
And wipe away the mourner's tear.
- 3 Blest hour ! for, where the Lord resorts,  
Foretastes of future bliss are given,  
And mortals find His earthly courts  
The house of God—the gate of heaven !
- 4 Hail, peaceful hour ! supremely blest,  
Amid the hours of worldly care ;  
The hour that yields the spirit rest,  
That sacred hour—the hour of prayer.
- 5 And when my hours of prayer are past,  
And this frail tenement decays,  
Then may I spend in heaven at last  
A never-ending hour of praise.

173

C. M.

- N**O, never shall my heart despond,  
Long as my lips can pray ;  
My latest breath, with effort fond,  
Shall pass in prayer away.
- 2 There is a heavenly mercy-seat  
To calm the sinner's fears ;  
There is a Saviour at whose feet  
The mourner dries his tears.
- 3 When friends depart, and hopes are riven,  
And gathering storms I see,  
My soul is but the sooner driven,  
Eternal Rock ! to Thee.
- 4 Oh for a voice of sweeter sound,  
For every wind to bear,  
To teach the listening world around  
The blessedness of prayer !

174

L. M.

**W**HAT various hindrances we meet  
In coming to a mercy-seat!  
Yet who that knows the worth of prayer,  
But wishes to be often there!

2 Prayer makes the darkened cloud with-  
draw;

Prayer climbs the ladder Jacob saw—  
Gives exercise to faith and love—  
Brings every blessing from above.

3 Restraining prayer, we cease to fight;  
Prayer makes the Christian's armor bright;  
And Satan trembles when he sees  
The weakest saint upon his knees.

4 Have you no words? ah! think again:  
Words flow apace when you complain,  
And fill your fellow-creature's ear  
With the sad tale of all your care.

5 Were half the breath thus vainly spent,  
To heaven in supplications sent,  
Your cheerful songs should oftener be,  
"Hear what the Lord has done for me!"

175

S. M.

**T**HE Lord, who truly knows  
The heart of every saint,  
Invites us by His holy word,  
To pray and never faint.

2 He bows His gracious ear;  
We never plead in vain;  
Yet we must wait till He appear,  
And pray, and pray again.

- 3 Though unbelief suggest,  
    Why should we longer wait?  
He bids us never give Him rest,  
    But be importunate.
- 4 'Twas thus a widow poor,  
    Without support or friend,  
Beset the unjust judge's door,  
    And gained at last her end.
- 5 And shall not Jesus hear  
    His children when they cry?  
Yes, though He may awhile forbear,  
    He'll not their suit deny.
- 6 Then let us earnest be,  
    And never faint in prayer,  
He loves our importunity,  
    And makes our cause His care.

## 176

C. M.

- T**HERE is an eye that never sleeps  
    Beneath the wing of night;  
There is an ear that never shuts,  
    When sink the beams of light.
- 2 There is an arm that never tires,  
    When human strength gives way:  
There is a love that never fails,  
    When earthly loves decay.
- 3 That eye is fixed on seraph throngs;  
    That arm upholds the sky;  
That ear is filled with angel songs;  
    That love is throned on high.
- 4 But there's a power which man can wield  
    When mortal aid is vain,  
That eye, that arm, that love to reach,  
    That listening ear to gain.



- 5 That power is prayer, which soars on high,  
Through Jesus, to the throne ;  
And moves the hand which moves the  
world,  
To bring salvation down !

## SOCIAL PRAYER.

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7s.

CHILDREN of the heavenly King,  
As we journey, sweetly sing—  
Sing your Saviour's worthy praise,  
Glorious in His works and ways.

- 2 Ye are traveling home to God,  
In the way the fathers trod ;  
They are happy now, and ye  
Soon their happiness shall see.
- 3 Banished once, by sin betrayed,  
Christ our Advocate was made ;  
Pardoned now, no more we roam,  
Christ conducts us to our home.
- 4 Shout, ye little flock, and blest ;  
You on Jesus' throne shall rest :  
There your seat is now prepared—  
There your kingdom and reward.
- 5 Fear not, brethren ; joyful stand  
On the borders of your land ;  
Jesus Christ, your Father's Son,  
Bids you undismayed go on.
- 6 Lord, Lord, obediently we'll go,  
Gladly leaving all below ;  
Only Thou our leader be,  
And we still will follow Thee.

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L. M.

WHERE two or three, with sweet  
accord,  
Obedient to their sovereign Lord,  
Meet to recount His acts of grace,  
And offer solemn prayer and praise,—

2 "There," says the Saviour, "will I be,  
Amid this little company;  
To them unveil my smiling face,  
And shed my glories round the place."

3 We meet at Thy command, dear Lord,  
Relying on Thy faithful word:  
Now send Thy Spirit from above,  
Now fill our hearts with heavenly love.

179

C. M.

OUR souls, by love together knit,  
Cemented, mixed in one,  
One hope, one heart, one mind, one voice,  
'Tis heaven on earth begun.

2 Our hearts have often burned within,  
And glowed with sacred fire,  
While Jesus spoke, and fed and blessed,  
And filled th' enlarged desire.

3 The little cloud increases still,  
The heavens are big with rain;  
We haste to catch the teeming shower,  
And all its moisture drain.

4 A rill, a stream, a torrent flows;  
But pour a mighty flood;  
Oh sweep the nations, shake the earth,  
'Till all proclaim Thee God.

- 5 And when Thou makest Thy jewels up,  
And sett'st Thy starry crown;  
When all Thy sparkling gems shall shine,  
Proclaimed by Thee Thine own,—
- 6 May we, a little band of love,  
We sinners, saved by grace,  
From glory unto glory changed,  
Behold Thee face to face.

180

C. M.

**R**ETIRE, vain world, a while retire,  
And leave us with the Lord;  
Thy gifts ne'er fill one just desire,  
Nor lasting bliss afford.

- 2 Blest Jesus! come now gently down,  
And fill this hallowed place;  
Oh make Thy glorious goings known—  
Diffuse around Thy grace.
- 3 Shine, dearest Lord, from realms of day—  
Disperse the gloom of night;  
Chase all our clouds and doubts away,  
And turn the shades to light.
- 4 Behold, and pity, from above,  
Our cold and languid frame;  
Oh shed abroad Thy quickening love,  
And we'll adore Thy name.
- 5 All-glorious Saviour! source of grace;  
To Thee we raise our cry;  
Unveil the beauties of Thy face  
To every waiting eye.
- 6 Revive, O God! desponding saints,  
Who languish, droop, and sigh;

Refresh the soul that tires and faints—  
Fill mourning hearts with joy.

- 7 Make known Thy power, victorious King,  
Subdue each stubborn will;  
Then, sovereign grace we'll join to sing  
On Zion's sacred hill.

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S. M.

**B**LEST be the tie that binds  
Our hearts in Christian love:  
The fellowship of kindred minds  
Is like to that above.

- 2 Before our Father's throne  
We pour united prayers:  
Our fears, our hopes, our aims are one,  
Our comforts and our cares.
- 3 We share our mutual woes,  
Our mutual burdens bear;  
And often for each other flows  
The sympathizing tear.
- 4 When we asunder part,  
It gives us inward pain;  
But we shall still be joined in heart,  
And hope to meet again.
- 5 This glorious hope revives  
Our courage by the way;  
While each in expectation lives,  
And longs to see the day.
- 6 From sorrow, toil, and pain,  
And sin, we shall be free,  
And perfect love and friendship reign  
Through all eternity.

## FAMILY WORSHIP.

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*A Morning Song.*

S. M.

SEE how the rising sun  
Pursues his shining way,  
And wide proclaims his Maker's praise,  
With every brightening ray.

2 Thus would my rising soul  
Its heavenly parent sing,  
And to its great Original  
The humble tribute bring.

3 Serene I laid me down  
Beneath His guardian care ;  
I slept, and I awoke, and found  
My kind Preserver near !

4 Thus does Thine arm support  
This weak, defenceless frame :  
But whence these favors, Lord, to me,  
So worthless as I am ?

5 Oh how shall I repay  
The bounties of my God ?  
This feeble spirit pants beneath  
The pleasing, painful load.

6 Dear Saviour, to Thy cross  
I bring my sacrifice ;  
By Thee perfumed, it shall ascend  
With fragrance to the skies.

7 My life I would anew  
Devote, O Lord, to Thee  
And in Thy blessed presence spend  
A long eternity.

183 *Praise to God in the Morning.* C. M.

**L**ORD of my life! oh may Thy praise  
Employ my noblest powers,  
Whose goodness lengthens out my days  
And fills the circling hours!

2 Preserved by Thine Almighty arm,  
I pass the shades of night,  
Serene and safe from every harm,  
And see returning light.

3 While many spent the night in sighs,  
And restless pains and woes,  
In gentle sleep I closed mine eyes,  
And undisturbed repose.

4 When sleep, death's semblance, o'er me  
spread,  
And I unconscious lay,  
Thy watchful care was round my bed  
To guard my feeble clay.

5 Oh let the same Almighty care  
My waking hours attend;  
From every trespass, every snare,  
My heedless steps defend.

6 Smile on my minutes as they roll,  
And guide my future days;  
And let Thy goodness fill my soul  
With gratitude and praise.

## 184 L. M.

**A**WAKE, my soul! and with the sun  
Thy daily course of duty run;  
Shake off dull sloth, and joyful rise  
To pay thy morning sacrifice.

- 2 Wake, and lift up thyself, my heart!  
And with the angels bear thy part,  
Who all night long unwearied sing,  
"Glory to Thee, eternal King!"
- 3 I wake, I wake, ye heavenly choir!  
May your devotion me inspire;  
That I like you my age may spend,  
Like you may on my God attend.
- 4 May I like you in God delight,  
Have all day long my God in sight  
Perform like you my Maker's will:  
Oh may I never more do ill!
- 5 Glory to Thee, who safe hast kept,  
And hast refreshed me while I slept!  
Grant, Lord, when I from death shall wake,  
I may of endless life partake.
- 6 Lord, I my vows to Thee renew:  
Scatter my sins as morning dew;  
Guard my first springs of thought and will,  
And with Thyself my spirit fill.
- 7 Direct, control, suggest this day  
All I design, or do, or say,  
That all my powers, with all their might,  
In Thy sole glory may unite.

185

L. M.

**A** NOTHER six days' work is done,  
Another Sabbath is begun:  
Return, my soul, enjoy thy rest,  
Improve the day thy God has blest.

- 2 Come, bless the Lord, whose love assigns  
So sweet a rest to wearied minds;  
Provides an antepast of heaven,  
And gives this day the food of seven.

- 3 Oh that our thoughts and thanks may rise  
As grateful incense to the skies ;  
And draw from heaven that sweet repose  
Which none, but he who feels it, knows.
- 4 With joy, great God ! Thy works we view  
In various scenes, both old and new ;  
With praise we think of mercies past,  
With hope we future pleasures taste.
- 5 In holy duties let the day,  
In holy pleasures pass away :  
How sweet a Sabbath thus to spend,  
In hope of one that ne'er shall end !

186

C. M.

- T**HOU, gracious God, art my defence ;  
On Thee my hopes rely :  
Thou art my glory, and shalt yet  
Lift up my head on high.
- 2 Since whensoever, in my distress,  
To God I made my prayer,  
He heard me from His holy hill,  
Why should I now despair ?
- 3 Guarded by Him I lay me down  
My sweet repose to take ;  
For I through Him securely sleep,  
Through Him in safety wake.
- 4 Salvation to the Lord belongs ;  
He only can defend ;  
His blessing He extends to all  
That on His power depend.

187

S. M.

**T**HE day is past and gone,  
The evening shades appear,  
Oh may we ever keep in mind,  
The night of death draws near.



- 2 We lay our garments by,  
 Upon our beds to rest;  
 So death will soon disrobe us all,  
 Of what is here possessed.
- 3 Lord, keep us safe this night,  
 Secure from all our fears;  
 May angels guard us while we sleep,  
 Till morning light appears.
- 4 And when we early rise,  
 To view th' unwearied sun,  
 May we set out to win the prize,  
 And after glory run,—
- 5 That when our days are past,  
 And we from time remove,  
 Lord, we may in Thy bosom rest,  
 The bosom of Thy love.

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*Evening.*

C. M.

NOW from the altar of our hearts,  
 Let flames of love arise;  
 Assist us, Lord, to offer up  
 Our evening sacrifice.

- 2 Minutes and mercies multiplied  
 Have made up all this day;  
 Minutes came quick, but mercies were  
 More swift, more free than they.
- 3 New time, new favors, and new joys,  
 Do a new song require;  
 Till we shall praise Thee as we would,  
 Accept our hearts' desire.

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Psalm cxli.

7s.

SOFTLY now the light of day  
 Fades upon my sight away  
 Free from care, from labor free,  
 Lord, I would commune with Thee:

- 2 Thou, whose all-pervading eye  
Naught escapes without, within,  
Pardon each infirmity,  
Open fault, and secret sin.
- 3 Soon, for me, the light of day  
Shall for ever pass away ;  
Then, from sin and sorrow free,  
Take me, Lord, to dwell with Thee :
- 4 Thou who, sinless, yet hast known  
All of man's infirmity ;  
Then, from Thine eternal throne,  
Jesus, look with pitying eye.

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7s &amp; 6s.

- T**HE mellow eve is gliding  
Serenely down the west ;  
So, every care subsiding,  
My soul would sink to rest.
- 2 The woodland hum is ringing  
The daylight's gentle close ;  
May angels round me, singing,  
Thus hymn my last repose.
- 3 The evening star has lighted  
Her crystal lamp on high ;  
So, when in death benighted,  
May hope illumine the sky.
- 4 In golden splendor dawning,  
The morrow's light shall break ;  
Oh, on the last bright morning,  
May I in glory wake !

191

L. M.

- G**LORY to Thee, my God, this night,  
For all the blessings of the light :  
Keep me, oh keep me, King of kings !  
Beneath Thine own Almighty wings.

- 2 Forgive me, Lord, for Thy dear Son,  
The ill that I this day have done;  
That with the world, myself and Thee  
I, ere I sleep, at peace may be.
- 3 Teach me to live, that I may dread  
The grave as little as my bed:  
Teach me to die, that so I may  
Rise, glorious, at the awful day.
- 4 Oh let my soul on Thee repose!  
And may sweet sleep my eyelids close—  
Sleep that shall me more active make  
To serve my God when I awake.
- 5 If in the night I sleepless lie,  
My soul with heavenly thoughts supply:  
Let no ill dreams disturb my rest—  
No powers of darkness me molest.
- 6 Oh when shall I, in endless day,  
Forever chase dark sleep away,  
And hymns divine with angels sing—  
Glory to Thee, eternal King?

192

L. M.

**T**HUS far the Lord has led me on;  
Thus far His power prolongs my day  
And every evening shall make known  
Some fresh memorial of His grace.

- 2 Much of my time has run to waste,  
And I, perhaps, am near my home;  
But He forgives my follies past,  
And strength supplies for days to come.
- 3 I lay my body down to sleep;  
Peace is the pillow of my head:  
His ever watchful eye will keep  
Its constant guard around my bed.

- 4 Faith in His name forbids my fear ;  
Oh may Thy presence ne'er depart !  
And in the morning may I bear  
Thy loving-kindness on my heart .

193

L. M.

- A**NOTHER fleeting day is gone ;  
Slow o'er the west the shadows rise ;  
Swift the soft-stealing hours have flown,  
And night's dark mantle veils the skies.
- 2 Another fleeting day is gone ;  
In solemn silence rest, my soul !  
Bow down before His awful throne,  
Who bids the morn and evening roll.
- 3 Soon shall a darker night descend,  
And veil from me yon azure skies ;  
And soon shall death's oppressive hand  
Lie heavy on these languid eyes.
- 4 Yet when beneath the dreadful shade  
I lay my weary frame to rest,  
That night shall not make me afraid ;  
That bed the dying Saviour pressed.
- 5 Again emerging from the night,  
I, like my risen Lord, shall rise ;  
Again drink in the morning light,  
Pure at its fount above the skies.

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C. M.

- I**NDULGENT Father, by whose care  
I've passed another day,  
Let me this night Thy mercy share,  
And teach me how to pray.
- 2 Show me my sins, and how to mourn  
My guilt before Thy face ;  
Direct me, Lord, to Christ alone,  
And save me by Thy grace.

3 Let each returning night declare  
 The tokens of Thy love ;  
 And every hour Thy grace prepare  
 My soul for joys above.

4 And when on earth I close my eyes,  
 To sleep in Death's embrace,  
 Let me to heaven and glory rise,  
 T' enjoy Thy smiling face.

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8s.

**I**NSPIRER and hearer of prayer,  
 Thou shepherd and guardian of Thine,  
 My all to Thy covenant care,  
 I, sleeping or waking, resign.

2 If Thou art my shield and my sun,  
 The night is no darkness to me ;  
 And fast as my minutes roll on,  
 They bring me but nearer to Thee.

3 A sovereign protector I have ;  
 Unseen, yet for ever at hand ;  
 Unchangeably faithful to save,  
 Almighty to rule and command.

4 His smiles and His comforts abound,  
 His grace, as the dew, shall descend ;  
 And walls of salvation surround  
 The soul He delights to defend.

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P. M , 7s.

**F**OR a season called to part,  
 Let us now ourselves commend  
 To the gracious eye and heart  
 Of our ever-present Friend.

2 Jesus, hear our humble prayer !  
 Tender Shepherd of Thy sheep !  
 Let Thy mercy and Thy care  
 All our souls in safety keep.

- 3 In Thy strength may we be strong,  
 Sweeten every cross and pain :  
 Give us, if we live, ere long  
 In Thy peace to meet again.
- 4 Then, if Thou Thy help afford,  
 Ebenezers shall be reared,  
 And our souls shall praise the Lord  
 Who our poor petitions heard.

## 197

7s.

**O**MNIPRESENT God, whose aid  
 No one ever asked in vain,  
 Be this night about my bed,  
 Every evil thought restrain :

- 2 Lay Thy hand upon my soul,  
 God of my unguarded hours !  
 All my enemies control,  
 Hell, and earth, and nature's powers.
- 3 Loose me from the chains of sense,  
 Set me from the body free :  
 Draw with stronger influence  
 My unfettered soul to Thee.
- 4 In me, Lord, Thyself reveal,  
 Fill me with a sweet surprise ;  
 Let me Thee, when waking, feel,  
 Let me in Thine image rise.

## 198

8s &amp; 7s.

**S**AVIOUR, breathe an evening blessing,  
 Ere repose our spirits seal ;  
 Sin and wants we come confessing,  
 Thou canst save and Thou canst heal.  
 Though destruction walk around us,  
 Though the arrow near us fly,  
 Angel-guards from Thee surround us,  
 We are safe if Thou art nigh.

- 2 Though the night be dark and dreary,  
 Darkness cannot hide from Thee;  
 Thou art He who, never weary,  
 Watchest where Thy people be.  
 Should swift Death this night o'ertake us,  
 And our couch become our tomb;  
 May the morn in heaven awake us,  
 Clad in light and deathless bloom.

## PRIVATE DEVOTION.

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L. M.

**F**AR from my thoughts, vain world, be-  
 gone!  
 Let my religious hours alone:  
 Fain would mine eyes my Saviour see;  
 I wait a visit, Lord, from Thee.

- 2 My heart grows warm with holy fire,  
 And kindles with a pure desire:  
 Come, my dear Jesus! from above,  
 And feed my soul with heavenly love.
- 3 Blest Saviour! what delicious fare,  
 How sweet Thine entertainments are!  
 Never did angels taste, above,  
 Redeeming grace and dying love.
- 4 Hail, great Immanuel, all divine!  
 In Thee Thy Father's glories shine:  
 Thou brightest, sweetest, fairest One  
 That eyes have seen, or angels known!

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*Lord, Remember Me.*

C. M.

**O** THOU from whom all goodness flows,  
 I raise my soul to Thee;  
 In all my sorrows, conflicts, woes,  
 Dear Lord, remember me!

- 2 When on my aching, burdened heart  
My sins lie heavily,  
Thy pardon grant, new peace impart:  
Dear Lord, remember me!
- 3 When trials sore obstruct my way,  
And ills I cannot flee,  
Oh let my strength be as my day:  
Dear Lord, remember me!
- 4 When worn with pain, disease, and grief,  
This feeble frame shall be,  
Grant patience, rest, and kind relief:  
Dear Lord, remember me!

## 201

C. M.

- I** LOVE to steal a while away  
From every cumbering care,  
And spend the hours of setting day,  
In humble, grateful prayer.
- 2 I love in solitude to shed  
The penitential tear;  
And all His promises to plead,  
Where none but God can hear.
- 3 I love to think on mercies past,  
And future good implore;  
And all my cares and sorrows cast  
On Him whom I adore.
- 4 I love by faith to take a view  
Of brighter scenes in heaven;  
The prospect doth my strength renew,  
While here by tempests driven.
- 5 Thus, when life's toilsome day is o'er,  
May its departing ray  
Be calm as this impressive hour,  
And lead to endless day.



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C. M.

**F**AR from the world, O Lord, I flee,  
 From strife and tumult far;  
 From scenes where Satan wages still—  
 His most successful war.

- 2 The calm retreat, the silent shade,  
 With prayer and praise agree,  
 And seem by Thy sweet bounty made  
 For those who follow Thee.
- 3 There, if Thy Spirit touch the soul,  
 And grace her mean abode,  
 Oh with what peace, and joy, and love,  
 She holds discourse with God!
- 4 There, like the nightingale she pours  
 Her solitary lays;  
 Nor asks a witness of her song,  
 Nor thirsts for human praise.
- 5 Author and Guardian of my life!  
 Sweet Source of light divine,  
 And—all harmonious names in one—  
 My Saviour! Thou art mine!
- 6 What thanks I owe Thee, and what love!  
 A boundless, endless store  
 Shall echo through the realms above,  
 When time shall be no more.

## SELF-CONSECRATION.

203

L. M.

**W**HEN I survey the wondrous cross  
 On which the Prince of glory died,  
 My richest gain I count but loss,  
 And pour contempt on all my pride.

- 2 Forbid it, Lord, that I should boast,  
Save in the death of Christ my God ;  
All the vain things that charm me most,  
I sacrifice them to His blood.
- 3 See from His head, His hands, His feet,  
Sorrow and love flow mingled down ;  
Did e'er such love and sorrow meet ?  
Or thorns compose so rich a crown ?
- 4 Were the whole realm of nature mine,  
That were a present far too small ;  
Love so amazing, so divine,  
Demands my soul, my life, my all.

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L. M.

- L**ET thoughtless thousands choose the  
road  
That leads the soul away from God ;  
This happiness, dear Lord, be mine,  
To live and die entirely Thine.
- 2 On Christ, by faith, my soul would live,  
From Him my life, my all receive ;  
To Him devote my fleeting hours,  
Serve Him alone with all my powers.
- 3 Christ is my everlasting all ;  
To Him I look, on Him I call ;  
He will my every want supply,  
In time, and through eternity.
- 4 Soon will the Lord, my life, appear ;  
Soon shall I end my trials here ;  
Leave sin and sorrow, death and pain ;  
To live is Christ—to die is gain.
- 5 Soon will the saints in glory meet,  
Soon walk through every golden street,  
And sing on every blissful plain—  
To live is Christ—to die is gain.

205

C. M.

**M**Y drowsy powers, why sleep ye so?  
Awake, my sluggish soul!  
Nothing has half thy work to do,  
Yet nothing's half so dull.

- 2 The little ants, for one poor grain,  
Labor, and toil, and strive;  
Yet we who have a heaven t' obtain,  
How negligent we live!
- 3 We, for whose sake all nature stands,  
And stars their courses move;  
We, for whose guard the angel bands  
Come flying from above;
- 4 We, for whom God the Son came down,  
And labored for our good—  
How careless to secure that crown  
He purchased with His blood.
- 5 Lord, shall we lie so sluggish still!  
And never act our parts?  
Come, holy Dove, from the heavenly hill,  
Renew and warm our hearts.
- 6 Then shall our active spirits move,  
Upward our souls shall rise;  
With hands of faith and wings of love,  
We'll fly and take the prize.

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L. M.

**S**TAND up, my soul, shake off Thy fear,  
And gird the gospel armor on;  
March to the gates of endless joy,  
Where Jesus, thy great Captain's, gone.

- 2 Hell and thy sins resist thy course;  
But hell and sin are vanquished foes;

Thy Saviour nailed them to the cross,  
And sung the triumph when He rose.

- 3 Then let my soul march boldly on—  
Press forward to the heavenly gate;  
There peace and joy eternal reign,  
And glittering robes for conquerors wait.
- 4 There shall I wear a starry crown,  
And triumph in Almighty grace,  
While all the armies of the skies  
Join in my glorious Leader's praise.

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**J**ESUS, I my cross have taken,  
All to leave and follow Thee;  
Naked, poor, despised, forsaken,  
Thou, from hence, my all shalt be;  
Perish every fond ambition,  
All I've sought, or hoped, or known,  
Yet how rich is my condition,  
God and heaven are still mine own!

- 2 Let the world despise and leave me;  
They have left my Saviour too;  
Human hearts and looks deceive me—  
Thou art not, like them, untrue;  
And whilst Thou shalt smile upon me,  
God of wisdom, love and might,  
Foes may hate and friends disown me,  
Show Thy face and all is bright.
- 3 Man may trouble and distress me,  
'T will but drive me to Thy breast;  
Life with trials hard may press me,  
Heaven will bring me sweeter rest.  
Oh! 't is not in grief to harm me,  
While Thy love is left to me;  
Oh! 'twere not in joy to charm me,  
Were that joy unmixed with Thee.

- 4 Soul, then know thy full salvation,  
 Rise o'er sin, and fear, and care;  
 Joy to find in every station  
 Something still to do or bear.  
 Think what Spirit dwells within thee;  
 Think what Father's smiles are thine;  
 Think that Jesus died to win thee;  
 Child of heaven, can'st thou repine?
- 5 Haste thee on from grace to glory,  
 Armed by faith, and winged by prayer;  
 Heaven's eternal day's before thee,  
 God's own hand shall guide thee there.  
 Soon shall close thy earthly mission,  
 Soon shall pass thy pilgrim days;  
 Hope shall change to glad fruition,  
 Faith to sight, and prayer to praise.

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*Duties.*

S. M.

- A CHARGE to keep I have,  
 A God to glorify;  
 A never-dying soul to save,  
 And fit it for the sky:
- 2 From youth to hoary age,  
 My calling to fulfil:  
 Oh may it all my powers engage  
 To do my Master's will.
- 3 Arm me with jealous care,  
 As in Thy sight to live,  
 And oh! Thy servant, Lord, prepare  
 A strict account to give.
- 4 Help me to watch and pray,  
 And on Thyself rely;  
 Assured if I my trust betray,  
 I shall for ever die.

## SELF-EXAMINATION.

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LORD, my God, I long to know,  
Oft it causes anxious thought,  
Do I love Thee, Lord, or no?  
Am I Thine, or am I not?

- 2 Could my heart so hard remain,  
Prayer a task and burden prove,  
Any duty give me pain,  
If I knew a Saviour's love?
- 3 When I turn mine eyes within,  
Oh how dark, and vain, and wild!  
Prone to unbelief and sin,  
Can I deem myself Thy child?
- 4 Yet I mourn my stubborn will,  
Find my sin a grief and thrall:  
Should I grieve for what I feel  
If I did not love at all?
- 5 Could I love Thy saints to meet,  
Choose the ways I once abhorred,  
Find at times the promise sweet,  
If I did not love Thee, Lord?
- 6 Saviour, let me love Thee more,  
If I love at all, I pray;  
If I have not loved before,  
Help me to begin to-day.

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C. P. M.

THOU great, mysterious, God unknown,  
Whose love hath gently led me on  
E'en from my infant days;  
Mine inmost soul expose to view,  
And tell me if I ever knew  
Thy justifying grace.

- 2 If I have only known Thy fear,  
And followed with a heart sincere  
Thy drawing from above,  
Now, now the farther grace bestow,  
And let my sprinkled conscience know  
Thy sweet forgiving love.
- 3 Short of Thy love I would not stop,  
A stranger to the gospel hope,  
The sense of sin forgiven ;  
I would not, Lord, my soul deceive,  
Without Thine inward witness live,  
That antepast of heaven.
- 4 If now the witness were in me,  
Would He not testify of thee,  
In Jesus reconciled ?  
And should I not with faith draw nigh,  
And boldly, Abba, Father, cry,  
I know myself Thy child ?
- 5 Ah ! never let Thy servant rest  
Till, of my part in Christ possessed,  
I on Thy mercy feed :  
Unworthy of the crumbs that fall,  
Yet raised by Him who died for all,  
To eat the children's bread.
- 6 Whate'er obstructs Thy pardoning love,  
Or sin, or righteousness, remove,  
Thy glory to display ;  
My heart of unbelief convince,  
And now absolve me from my sins,  
And take them all away.

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*Self-Examination.*

L. M.

**W**HAT strange perplexities arise !  
What anxious fears and jealousies !  
What crowds in doubtful light appear !  
How few, alas approved and clear !

- 2 And what am I? My soul, awake,  
And an impartial survey take,  
Does no dark sign, no ground of fear,  
In practice or in heart appear?
- 3 What image does my spirit bear?  
Is Jesus formed and living there?  
Say, do His lineaments divine  
In thought, and word, and action shine?
- 4 Searcher of hearts, oh search me still:  
The secrets of my soul reveal;  
My fears remove; let me appear  
To God and mine own conscience clear!

## LONGING AFTER HOLINESS.

212

C. M.

- OH that the Lord would guide my ways,  
To keep His statutes still!  
Oh that my God would grant me grace,  
To know and do His will!
- 2 Order my footsteps by Thy word,  
And make my heart sincere;  
Let sin have no dominion, Lord,  
But keep my conscience clear.
- 3 Assist my soul, too apt to stray,  
A stricter watch to keep;  
And, should I e'er forget Thy way,  
Restore Thy wandering sheep.
- 4 Make me to walk in Thy commands;  
'Tis a delightful road:  
Nor let my head, nor heart, nor hands,  
Offend against my God.



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LOVE divine, all love excelling,  
Joy of heaven to earth come down!  
Fix in me Thy humble dwelling,  
All Thy faithful mercies crown;  
Jesus! Thou art all compassion,  
Pure unbounded love Thou art;  
Visit me with Thy salvation.  
Enter Thou my trembling heart!

- 2 Breathe, oh breathe Thy lovely Spirit  
Full into my troubled breast!  
Let me now in Thee inherit,  
Let me find Thy promised rest;  
Take away the love of sinning,  
Omega and Alpha be,  
End of faith, as its beginning,  
Set my heart at liberty.
- 3 Come! Almighty to deliver,  
Let me all Thy life receive!  
Suddenly return, and never,  
Never more Thy temple leave!  
Thee I would be always blessing,  
Serve Thee as Thy hosts above;  
Pray, and praise Thee without ceasing,  
Glory in Thy precious love.
- 4 Finish then Thy new creation,  
Pure, unspotted may I be;  
Let me see Thy great salvation  
Perfectly restored by Thee!  
Change from glory into glory,  
Till in heaven I take my place,  
Till I cast my crown before Thee,  
Lost in wonder, love, and praise!

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L. M.

**M**Y God! permit me not to be  
A stranger to myself and Thee;  
Amidst a thousand thoughts I rove,  
Forgetful of my highest love.

2 Why should my passions mix with earth,  
And thus debase my heavenly birth?  
Why should I cleave to things below,  
And all my purest joys forego?

3 Call me away from flesh and sense;  
Thy grace, O Lord, can draw me thence;  
I would obey the voice divine,  
And all inferior joys resign.

4 Be earth, with all her cares, withdrawn;  
Let noise and vanity be gone;  
In secret silence of the mind,  
My heaven, and there my God, I find.

215

C. M.

**H**OW vain are all things here below!  
How false, and yet how fair!  
Each pleasure hath its poison too,  
And every sweet a snare.

2 The brightest things below the sky  
Give but a flattering light;  
We should suspect some danger nigh  
Where we possess delight.

3 Our dearest joys, and nearest friends,  
The partners of our blood,  
How they divide our wavering minds,  
And leave but half for God!

- 4 The fondness of a creature's love,  
How strong it strikes the sense!  
Thither the warm affections move,  
Nor can we call them thence.
- 5 Dear Saviour, let Thy beauties be  
My soul's eternal food;  
And grace command my heart away  
From all created good.

## SELF-ABASEMENT.

216

C. M.

- A** LAS! and did my Saviour bleed,  
And did my Sovereign die?  
Would He devote that sacred head  
For such a worm as I?
- 2 Was it for crimes that I have done  
He groaned upon the tree?  
Amazing pity! grace unknown!  
And love beyond degree!
- 3 Well might the sun in darkness hide,  
And shut his glories in,  
When Christ the mighty Maker died  
For man the creature's sin!
- 4 Thus might I hide my blushing face  
While His dear cross appears,  
Dissolve my heart in thankfulness,  
And melt my eyes to tears.
- 5 But drops of grief can ne'er repay  
The debt of love I owe;  
Here, Lord, I give myself away:  
'Tis all that I can do.

217

L. M.

**O**H could I find some peaceful bower,  
Where sin has neither place nor  
power;

This traitor vile, I fain would shun,  
But cannot from his presence run.

2 When to the throne of grace I flee,  
He stands between my God and me,  
Where'er I rove, where'er I rest,  
I feel him working in my breast.

3 When I attempt to soar above,  
To view the heights of Jesus' love,  
This monster seems to mount the skies,  
And veils my Saviour from mine eyes.

4 Lord, free me from this deadly foe,  
Which keeps my faith and hope so low;  
I long to dwell in heaven, my home,  
Where not one sinful thought can come.

## FAITH.

218

C. M.

**F**AITH adds new charms to earthly  
bliss,

And saves me from its snares;  
Its aid in every duty brings,  
And softens all my cares:

2 Extinguishes the thirst of sin,  
And lights the sacred fire  
Of love to God and heavenly things,  
And feeds the pure desire.

3 The wounded conscience knows its power  
The healing balm to give;  
That balm the saddest heart can cheer,  
And make the dying live.

- 4 Wide it unveils celestial worlds,  
Where deathless pleasures reign ;  
And bids me seek my portion there,  
Nor bids me seek in vain :
- 5 Shows me the precious promise sealed  
With my Redeemer's blood,  
And helps my feeble hope to rest  
Upon a faithful God.
- 6 There, there unshaken would I rest,  
Till this vile body dies,  
And then on faith's triumphant wings  
At once to glory rise.

219

C. M.

- M**ISTAKEN souls, that dream of heaven,  
And make their empty boast  
Of inward joys and sins forgiven,  
While they are slaves to lust !
- 2 Vain are our fancies, airy flights,  
If faith be cold and dead ;  
None but a living power unites  
To Christ, the living Head ;—
- 3 A faith that changes all the heart ;  
A faith that works by love ;  
That bids all sinful joys depart,  
And lifts the thoughts above.
- 4 Faith must obey our Father's will,  
As well as trust His grace :  
A pardoning God requires us still  
To perfect holiness.

220

C. M.

**O**H for a faith that will not shrink,  
Though pressed by every foe  
That will not tremble on the brink  
Of any earthly woe !

- 2 That will not murmur nor complain  
    Beneath the chastening rod,  
But, in the hour of grief or pain,  
    Will lean upon its God:
- 3 A faith that shines more bright and clear  
    When tempests rage without;  
That when in danger knows no fear,  
    In darkness feels no doubt:
- 4 That bears, unmoved, the world's dread  
    frown,  
Nor heeds its scornful smile;  
That seas of trouble cannot drown,  
    Nor Satan's arts beguile:
- 5 A faith that keeps the narrow way  
    Till life's last hour is fled,  
And with a pure and heavenly ray  
    Lights up a dying bed.
- 6 Lord, give us such a faith as this,  
    And then, whate'er may come,  
We'll taste, e'en here, the hallowed bliss  
    Of an eternal home.

## HOPE.

221

**R**ISE, my soul, and stretch thy wings,  
Thy better portion trace;  
Rise, from transitory things,  
    Towards heaven, thy destined place:  
Sun, and moon, and stars decay,  
    Time shall soon this earth remove;  
Rise, my soul, and haste away  
    To seats prepared above.

- 2 Cease, my soul, oh cease to mourn,  
    Press onward to the prize;

Soon thy Saviour will return,  
 To take thee to the skies :  
 There, is everlasting peace,  
 Rest, enduring rest in heaven ;  
 There will sorrow ever cease,  
 And crowns of joy be given.

222

C. M.

**W**HEN I can read my title clear  
 To mansions in the skies,  
 I bid farewell to every fear  
 And wipe my weeping eyes.

- 2 Should earth against my soul engage,  
 And hellish darts be hurled,  
 Then I can smile at Satan's rage  
 And face a frowning world.
- 3 Let cares like a wild deluge come,  
 And storms of sorrow fall,  
 May I but safely reach my home,  
 My God, my heaven, my all.
- 4 There shall I bathe my weary soul  
 In seas of heavenly rest ;  
 And not a wave of trouble roll  
 Across my peaceful breast.

223

L. M.

**W**HY sinks my weak, desponding  
 mind ?  
 Why heaves my heart the anxious sigh ?  
 Can sovereign Goodness be unkind ?  
 Am I not safe if God is nigh ?

- 2 'Tis He supports this fainting frame ;  
 On Him alone my hopes recline :  
 The wondrous glories of His name,  
 How wide they spread ! how bright they  
 shine :

- 3 Infinite wisdom ! boundless power !  
 Unchanging faithfulness and love !  
 Here let me trust, while I adore,—  
 Nor from my refuge e'er remove.
- 4 My God, if Thou art mine indeed,  
 Then I have all my heart can crave;—  
 A present help in times of need ;  
 Still kind to hear, and strong to save.
- 5 Forgive my doubts, oh gracious Lord !  
 And ease the sorrows of my breast ;  
 Speak to my heart the healing word,  
 That Thou art mine—and I am blest.

## CHARITY.

224

C. M.

**B**LEST is the man whose softening heart  
 Feels all another's pain ;  
 To whom the supplicating eye  
 Was never raised in vain,—

- 2 Whose breast expands with generous  
 warmth,  
 A stranger's woes to feel ;  
 And bleeds in pity o'er the wound  
 He wants the power to heal.
- 3 He spreads his kind, supporting arms  
 To every child of grief :  
 His secret bounty largely flows,  
 And brings unasked relief.
- 4 To gentle offices of love  
 His feet are never slow :  
 He views, through mercy's melting eye,  
 A brother in a foe.



- 5 Peace from the bosom of his God  
The Saviour's grace shall give;  
And when he kneels before the throne,  
His trembling soul shall live.

## 225

C. M.

**H**APPY the heart where graces reign,  
Where love inspires the breast:  
Love is the brightest of the train,  
And strengthens all the rest.

- 2 Knowledge, alas! 'tis all in vain,  
And all in vain our fear:  
Our stubborn sins will fight and reign,  
If love be absent there.
- 3 'Tis love that makes our cheerful feet  
In swift obedience move:  
The devils know, and tremble too;  
But devils do not love.
- 4 This is the grace that lives and sings  
When faith and hope shall cease;  
'Tis this shall strike our joyful strings  
In the sweet realms of bliss.

## 226

L. M.

**H**AD I the tongues of Greeks and Jews,  
And nobler speech than angels use,  
If love be absent, I am found,  
Like tinkling brass, an empty sound.

- 2 Were I inspired to preach and tell  
All that is done in heaven and hell,  
Or could my faith the world remove,  
Still I am nothing without love.

- 3 Should I distribute all my store  
 To feed the bowels of the poor;  
 Or give my body to the flame,  
 To gain a martyr's glorious name,—
- 4 If love to God, and love to men,  
 Be absent, all my hopes are vain;  
 Nor tongues, nor gifts, nor fiery zeal  
 The work of love can e'er fulfil.

227

S. M.

- L**O, what a pleasing sight  
 Are brethren that agree!  
 How blest are all whose hearts unite  
 In bonds of piety!
- 2 From those celestial springs  
 Such streams of comfort flow,  
 As no increase of riches brings,  
 Nor honors can bestow.
- 3 All in their stations move,  
 And each performs his part,  
 In all the cares of life and love,  
 With sympathizing heart.
- 4 Formed for the purest joys,  
 By one desire possest,  
 One aim the zeal of all employs—  
 To make each other blest.
- 5 No bliss can equal theirs,  
 Where such affections meet;  
 While praise devout and mingled prayers  
 Make their communion sweet.
- 6 'Tis the same pleasure fills  
 The breast in worlds above;  
 Where joy like morning-dew distills,  
 And all the air is love.

228

C. M.

**T**HINK gently of the erring one !  
 Oh let us not forget,  
 However darkly stained by sin,  
 He is our brother yet !

2 Heir of the same inheritance,  
 Child of the self-same God,  
 He hath but stumbled in the path  
 We have in weakness trod.

3 Speak gently to the erring ones !  
 We yet may lead them back,  
 With holy words, and tones of love,  
 From misery's thorny track.

4 Forget not, brother, thou hast sinned,  
 And sinful yet may'st be ;  
 Deal gently with the erring heart,  
 As God hath dealt with thee.

## HUMILITY.

229

L. M.

**W**HEREFORE should man, frail child  
 of clay,  
 Who, from the cradle to the shroud,  
 Lives but the creature of a day,—  
 Oh why should mortal man be proud ?

2 His brightest visions just appear,  
 Then vanish, and no more are found :  
 The stateliest pile his pride can rear  
 A breath may level with the ground.

3 By doubts perplexed, in error lost,  
 With trembling step he seeks his way :  
 How vain of wisdom's gift the boast !  
 Of reason's lamp how faint the ray !

- 4 Follies and crimes, a countless sum,  
Are crowded in life's little span :  
How ill, alas ! does pride become  
That erring, guilty creature, man !
- 5 God of my life ! Father divine !  
Give me a meek and lowly mind :  
In modest worth oh let me shine,  
And peace in humble virtue find.

## 230

Psalm cxxxi.

- L**ORD, for ever at Thy side  
Let my place and portion be :  
Strip me of the robe of pride,  
Clothe me with humility.
- 2 Meekly may my soul receive  
All Thy Spirit hath revealed ;  
Thou hast spoken—I believe,  
Though the oracle be sealed.
- 3 Humble as a little child,  
Weaned from the mother's breast,  
By no subtleties beguiled,  
On Thy faithful word I rest.
- 4 Israel ! now and evermore  
In the Lord Jehovah trust ;  
Him, in all His ways, adore,  
Wise, and wonderful, and just.

## BENEVOLENCE.

## 231

L. M.

**T**HE gold and silver are the Lord's,  
And every blessing earth affords ;  
All come from His propitious hand,  
And must return at His command.

- 2 The blessings which I now enjoy,  
I must for Christ and souls employ;  
For if I use them as my own,  
My Lord will soon call in His loan.
- 3 When I to Him in want apply,  
He never does my suit deny;  
And shall I then refuse to give,  
Since I so much from Him receive?
- 4 Shall Jesus leave the realms of day,  
And clothe Himself in humble clay?  
Shall He become despised and poor,  
To make me rich for ever more?
- 5 And shall I wickedly withhold  
To give my silver or my gold?  
To aid a cause my soul approves,  
And save the sinners Jesus loves?
- 6 Expand my heart—incline me, Lord,  
To give the whole I can afford:  
That what Thy bounty rendered mine,  
I may with cheerful hands resign.

232

L. M.

WHEN Jesus dwelt in mortal clay,  
What were His works, from day to  
day,  
But miracles of power and grace,  
Which spread salvation through our race?

- 2 Teach us, O Lord! to keep in view  
Thy pattern, and Thy steps pursue;  
Let alms bestowed, let kindness done,  
Be witnessed by each rolling sun.
- 3 That man may last, but never lives,  
Who much receives, but nothing gives;

Whom none can love, whom none can  
 thank,  
 Creation's blot, creation's blank.

- 4 But he who marks from day to day  
 In generous acts his radiant way,  
 Treads the same path the Saviour trod—  
 The path to glory and to God.

## THANKFULNESS.

233

S. M.

COME, ye that love the Lord,  
 And let our joys be known;  
 Join in a song with sweet accord,  
 Whilst we surround the throne.

- 2 Let those refuse to sing  
 Who never knew our God,  
 But children of the heavenly King  
 May speak their joys abroad.
- 3 The God, who rules on high,  
 Who all the earth surveys,  
 Who rides upon the stormy sky,  
 And calms the roaring seas:
- 4 This awful God is ours,  
 Our Father and our love;  
 He will send down His heavenly powers,  
 To carry us above.
- 5 There we shall see His face,  
 And never, never sin;  
 There, from the rivers of His grace,  
 Drink endless pleasures in.
- 6 The hill of Zion yields  
 A thousand sacred sweets,  
 Before we reach the heavenly fields,  
 Or walk the golden streets.

- 7 The men of grace have found  
    Glory begun below ;  
    Celestial fruit on earthly ground  
    From faith and hope may grow.
- 8 Then let our songs abound,  
    And every tear be dry ;  
    We're marching through Immanuel's  
        ground  
    To fairer worlds on high.

**234**      *Gratitude for God's Mercies.*      C. M.

- W**HEN all Thy mercies, O my God,  
    My rising soul surveys,  
Transported with the view, I'm lost  
    In wonder, love and praise.
- 2 Unnumbered comforts on my soul  
    Thy tender care bestowed,  
Before my infant heart conceived  
    From whom those comforts flowed.
- 3 When in the slippery paths of youth  
    With heedless steps I ran,  
Thine arm, unseen, conveyed me safe,  
    And led me up to man.
- 4 Ten thousand thousand precious gifts  
    My daily thanks employ ;  
Nor is the least a cheerful heart,  
    That tastes those gifts with joy.
- 5 Through every period of my life  
    Thy goodness I'll pursue ;  
And after death, in distant worlds,  
    The glorious theme renew.
- 6 Through all eternity, to Thee  
    A grateful song I'll raise ;  
But oh eternity's too short  
    To utter all Thy praise.

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LORD, with glowing heart I'd praise  
Thee

For the bliss Thy love bestows ;  
For the pardoning grace that saves me,  
And the peace that from it flows :  
Help, O God, my weak endeavor ;  
This dull soul to rapture raise :  
Thou must light the flame, or never  
Can my love be warmed to praise.

2 Praise, my soul, the God that sought thee,  
Wretched wanderer, far astray ;  
Found thee lost, and kindly brought thee  
From the paths of death away :  
Praise, with love's devoutest feeling,  
Him who saw thy guilt-born fear,  
And the light of hope revealing,  
Bade the blood-stained cross appear.

3 Lord, this bosom's ardent feeling  
Vainly would my lips express :  
Low before Thy footstool kneeling,  
Deign Thy suppliant's prayer to bless :  
Let Thy grace, my soul's chief treasure,  
Love's pure flame within me raise ;  
And, since words can never measure,  
Let my life show forth Thy praise.

## TRUST IN GOD.

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*Habitual Devotion.*

C. M.

WHILE Thee I seek, protecting Power !  
Be my vain wishes stilled ;  
And may this consecrated hour  
With better hopes be filled.



- 2 Thy love the powers of thought bestowed;  
 To Thee my thoughts would soar:  
 Thy mercy o'er my life has flowed;  
 That mercy I adore.
- 3 In each event of life, how clear  
 Thy ruling hand I see!  
 Each blessing to my soul more dear,  
 Because bestowed by Thee.
- 4 In every joy that crowns my days,  
 In every pain I bear,  
 My heart shall find delight in praise,  
 Or seek relief in prayer.
- 5 When gladness wings my favored hour,  
 Thy love my thoughts shall fill;  
 Resigned, when storms of sorrow lower,  
 My soul shall meet Thy will.
- 6 My lifted eye, without a tear,  
 The lowering storm shall see;  
 My steadfast heart shall know no fear:  
 That heart will rest on Thee!

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C. M.

- \* **F**ATHER of all! whose care extends  
 To earth's remotest shore!  
 Through every age Thy praise ascends;  
 Let every heart adore!
- 2 What conscience dictates to be done,  
 Or warns me not to do,  
 This teach me more than death to shun,  
 That more than life pursue.
- 3 If I am right, Thy grace impart,  
 Still in the right to stay;  
 If I am wrong, oh teach my heart  
 To find that better way!

- 4 Save me alike from foolish pride,  
Or impious discontent,  
At aught Thy wisdom has denied,  
Or aught Thy goodness lent.
- 5 Teach me to feel another's woe,  
To hide the fault I see;  
That mercy I to others show,  
That mercy show to me.
- 6 This day, be bread and peace my lot;  
But all beneath the sun  
Thou knowest if best bestowed or not;  
Then let Thy will be done.

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S. M.

- J**ESUS! my strength, my hope,  
On Thee I cast my care;  
With humble confidence look up,  
And know Thou hear'st my prayer:  
Give me on Thee to wait  
Till I can all things do;  
On Thee—Almighty to create,  
Almighty to renew.
- 2 Give me a sober mind,  
A self-renouncing will,  
That tramples down and casts behind  
The baits of pleasing ill:  
A soul inured to pain,  
To hardship, grief, and loss;  
Prompt to take up and to sustain,  
The consecrated cross.
- 3 Give me a godly fear—  
A quick discerning eye,  
That looks to Thee when sin is near,  
And sees the tempter fly:

- A spirit still prepared,  
And armed with jealous care,  
Forever standing on its guard,  
And watching unto prayer.
- 4 Give me a heart to pray,  
To pray and never cease—  
Never to murmur at Thy stay,  
Or wish my sufferings less:  
This blessing, above all,  
Always to pray, I want;  
Out of the deep on Thee to call  
And never, never faint.
- 5 Give me a true regard—  
A single, steady aim,  
Unmoved by threatening or reward,  
To Thee and Thy great Name:  
A jealous, just concern  
For Thine immortal praise;  
A pure desire that all may learn  
And glorify Thy grace.

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*God's Presence is Light.*

C. M.

- M**Y God, the spring of all my joys,  
The life of my delights,  
The glory of my brightest days,  
And comfort of my nights!
- 2 In darkest shades, if He appear,  
My dawning is begun;  
He is my soul's bright morning star,  
And He my rising sun.
- 3 The opening heavens around me shine  
With beams of sacred bliss,  
While Jesus shows His heart is mine,  
And whispers I am His!

- 4 My soul would leave this heavy clay  
At that transporting word,  
Run up with joy the shining way  
T' embrace my dearest Lord.
- 5 Fearless of hell and ghastly death,  
I'd break through every foe;  
The wings of love and arms of faith  
Should bear me conqueror through.

## 240

C. M.

**L**ET others boast how strong they be,  
Nor death nor danger fear;  
While we confess, O Lord, to Thee,  
What feeble things we are.

- 2 Fresh as the grass our bodies stand,  
And flourish bright and gay:  
A blasting wind sweeps o'er the land,  
And fades the grass away.
- 3 Our life contains a thousand springs,  
And dies if one be gone;  
Strange, that a harp of thousand strings  
Should keep in tune so long!
- 4 But 'tis our God supports our frame,  
The God that formed us first;  
Salvation to th' Almighty name,  
That reared us from the dust!
- 5 While we have breath, or life, or speech,  
Our Maker we'll adore,  
His Spirit shall our voices teach  
To praise Him evermore.

## 241

S. M.

**M**Y Father! cheering name!  
Oh may I call Thee mine!  
Give me with humble hope to claim  
A portion so divine.

- 2 This can my fears control,  
And bid my sorrows fly:  
What real harm can reach my soul  
Beneath my Father's eye?
- 3 Whate'er Thy will denies,  
I calmly would resign;  
For Thou art just, and good, and wise:  
Oh bend my will to Thine!
- 4 Whate'er Thy will ordains,  
Oh give me strength to bear;  
Still let me know a Father reigns,  
And trust a Father's care.
- 5 If anguish rend this frame,  
And life almost depart:  
Is not Thy mercy still the same,  
To cheer my drooping heart?
- 6 Thy ways are little known  
To my weak, erring sight;  
Yet shall my soul, believing, own  
That all Thy ways are right.
- 7 My Father! blissful name!  
Beyond expression dear:  
If Thou admit my humble claim,  
I bid adieu to fear.

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GUIDE me, O Thou great Jehovah!  
Pilgrim through this barren land;  
I am weak, but Thou art mighty,  
Hold me with Thy powerful hand:  
Bread of heaven,  
Feed me till I want no more.

- 2 Open Thou the crystal fountain  
Whence the healing streams do flow,

Let the fiery, cloudy pillar  
 Lead me all my journey through:  
 Strong Deliverer,  
 Be Thou still my strength and shield.

- 3 When I tread the verge of Jordan,  
 Bid my anxious fears subside;  
 Thou, of death and hell the conqueror,  
 Land me safe on Canaan's side:  
 Songs of praises  
 I will ever give to Thee.

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H. M.

**O**H let my trembling soul be still,  
 While darkness veils the sky,  
 And wait Thy wise, Thy holy will,  
 Wrapped yet in mystery:  
 I cannot, Lord, Thy purpose see;  
 But all is well, since ruled by Thee.

- 2 Thus, trusting in Thy love, I tread  
 The path of duty on;  
 What though some cherished joys are fled,  
 Some flattering dreams are gone?  
 Yet purer, brighter joys remain:  
 Why should my spirit then complain?

## THE SCRIPTURES.

244

L. M.

**E**TERNAL Spirit! 'twas Thy breath  
 The oracles of truth inspired;  
 And kings and holy seers of old  
 With strong prophetic impulse fired.

- 2 Moved by Thy power omnipotent,  
 Their lips with heavenly science flowed;  
 Their hands a thousand wonders wrought,  
 Which bore the signature of God.

- 3 With gladsome hearts they spread the news  
Of pardon through a Saviour's blood :  
And to a numerous seeking crowd  
Marked out the path to His abode.
- 4 The powers of earth and hell in vain  
Against the sacred word combine ;  
Thy providence through every age  
Securely guards the work divine.
- 5 Thee, its great author, source of light,  
Thee, its preserver, we adore ;  
And humbly ask a ray from Thee,  
Its hidden wonders to explore.

## 245

## Psalm xix.

## C. M.

- G**OD'S perfect law converts the soul,  
Reclaims from false desires ;  
With sacred wisdom His sure word  
The ignorant inspires.
- 2 The statutes of the Lord are just,  
And bring sincere delight ;  
His pure commands in search of truth  
Assist the feeblest sight.
- 3 His perfect worship here is fixed,  
On sure foundations laid ;  
His equal laws are in the scales  
Of truth and justice weighed :
- 4 Of more esteem than golden mines,  
Or gold refined with skill ;  
More sweet than honey, or the drops  
That from the comb distill.
- 5 My trusty counsellors they are,  
And friendly warnings give :  
Divine rewards attend on those  
Who by Thy precepts live.

- 6 But what frail man observes how oft  
 He does from virtue fall?  
 Oh cleanse me from my secret faults,  
 Thou God, that know'st them all!
- 7 Let no presumptuous sin, O Lord,  
 Dominion have o'er me;  
 That, by Thy grace preserved, I may  
 The great transgression flee.
- 8 So shall my prayer and praises be  
 With Thy acceptance blest;  
 And I, secure on Thy defence,  
 My strength and Saviour, rest.

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C. M.

**F**ATHER of mercies, in Thy Word  
 What endless glory shines!  
 For ever be Thy name adored  
 For these celestial lines!

- 2 Here springs of consolation rise  
 To cheer the fainting mind;  
 And thirsty souls receive supplies,  
 And sweet refreshment find.
- 3 Here the fair tree of knowledge grows,  
 And yields a free repast;  
 Sublimier sweets than nature knows  
 Invite the longing taste.
- 4 Here the Redeemer's welcome voice  
 Spreads heavenly peace around;  
 And life and everlasting joys  
 Attend the blissful sound!
- 5 Oh, may these heavenly pages be  
 My ever dear delight;  
 And still new beauties may I see,  
 And still increasing light!



- 6 Divine Instructor—gracious Lord,  
Be Thou for ever near;  
Teach me to love Thy sacred Word,  
And view my Saviour there!

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C. H. M.

- T**HY Word, O Lord! like gentle dews,  
Falls soft on hearts that pine:  
Lord, to Thy garden ne'er refuse  
This heavenly balm of Thine.  
Watered from Thee,  
Let every tree  
Blossom and fruit yield to Thy praise.
- 2 Thy Word is like a flaming sword—  
A wedge that cleaveth stone:  
Keen as a fire, so burns Thy Word,  
And pierceth flesh and bone.  
Let it go forth  
O'er all the earth,  
To shatter all the might of sin.
- 3 Thy Word, a wondrous morning star,  
On pilgrims' hearts doth rise;  
Leads to their Lord, who dwells afar,  
And makes the simple wise.  
Let not its light  
E'er sink in night,  
On every spirit let it shine.

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C. M.

- O**H, happy is the man who hears  
Instruction's warning voice;  
And who celestial wisdom makes  
His early, only choice.
- 2 For she hath treasures greater far  
Than east and west unfold;  
And her rewards more precious are  
Than all their stores of gold.

- 3 She guides the young with innocence,  
In pleasure's paths to tread;  
A crown of glory she bestows  
Upon the hoary head.
- 4 According as her labors rise,  
So her rewards increase;  
Her ways are ways of pleasantness,  
And all her paths are peace.

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C. M.

**G**REAT God! with wonder and with  
praise  
On all Thy works I look;  
But still Thy wisdom, power, and grace,  
Shine brightest in Thy book.

- 2 The stars that in their courses roll  
Have much instruction given;  
But Thy good word informs my soul  
How I may soar to heaven.
- 3 The fields provide me food, and show  
The goodness of the Lord;  
But fruits of life and glory grow  
In Thy most holy word.
- 4 Here are my choicest treasures hid,  
Here my best comfort lies;  
Here my desires are satisfied,  
And here my hopes arise.
- 5 Lord, make me understand Thy law,  
Show what my faults have been;  
And from Thy Gospel let me draw  
Pardon for all my sin.
- 6 Here would I learn how Christ has died  
To save my soul from hell;  
Not all the books on earth beside  
Such heavenly wonders tell.

- 7 Then let me love my Bible more,  
And take a fresh delight,  
By day to read these wonders o'er,  
And meditate by night.

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- B**Y the thoughtless world derided,  
Still I love the word of God ;  
'Tis the crook by which I'm guided,  
Often 'tis a chastening rod.  
'Tis a sword that cuts asunder  
All my pride and vanity,  
When abased I lie, and wonder  
That he spares a wretch like me.
- 2 This confirms me when I waver,  
Sets my trembling judgment right ;  
When I stray, how much soever,  
This is my restoring light.  
Satan oft, and sin, assail me  
With temptations ever new ;  
Then there's nothing can avail me,  
Till my bleeding Lord I view.
- 3 Faith I need ; O Lord, bestow it,  
Give my laboring mind relief ;  
Oft, alas ! I doubt, I know it,  
Help, oh help my unbelief.  
Dearest Saviour, by Thy merit  
May I gain a future crown ;  
Guide, oh guide me by Thy Spirit,  
Till these storms are overblown.

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Psalm cxix.

C. M.

- H**OW shall the young secure their hearts,  
And guard their lives from sin ?  
Thy word the choicest rules imparts  
To keep the conscience clean.

- 2 When once it enters in the mind,  
It spreads such light abroad,  
The meanest souls instruction find,  
And raise their thoughts to God.
- 3 'Tis, like the sun, a heavenly light,  
That guides us all the day;  
And through the dangers of the night  
A lamp to lead our way.
- 4 The men that keep Thy law with care  
And meditate Thy word,  
Grow wiser than their teachers are,  
And better know the Lord.
- 5 Thy precepts make me truly wise  
I hate the sinner's road;  
I hate my own vain thoughts that rise,  
But love Thy law, my God.
- 6 Thy word is everlasting truth;  
How pure is every page!  
That holy book shall guide our youth,  
And well support our age.

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C. M.

LAMP of our feet! whereby we trace  
Our path, when wont to stray;  
Stream from the Fount of heavenly grace!  
Brook by the traveller's way!

- 2 Bread of our souls! whereon we feed;  
True manna from on high!  
Our guide, our chart! wherein we read  
Of realms beyond the sky.
- 3 Pillar of fire through watches dark!  
Or radiant cloud by day!  
When waves would whelm our tossing bark,  
Our anchor and our stay!

- 4 Childhood's preceptor! manhood's trust!  
Old age's firm ally!  
Our hope, when we go down to dust,  
Of immortality!

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C. M.

- L**ADEN with guilt, and full of fears,  
I fly to Thee, my Lord,  
And not a ray of hope appears  
But in Thy written word.
- 2 The volume of my Father's grace  
Does all my grief assuage;  
Here I behold my Saviour's face  
In almost every page.
- 3 This is the field where hidden lies  
The pearl of price unknown;  
That merchant is divinely wise  
Who makes the pearl His own.
- 4 This is the judge that ends the strife,  
Where wit and reason fail;  
My guide to everlasting life,  
Through all this gloomy vale.
- 5 Oh may Thy counsels, mighty God!  
My roving feet command;  
And teach me to pursue the road  
That leads to Thy right hand.

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L. M.

- I**N vain would boasting reason find  
The path to happiness and God;  
Her weak directions leave the mind  
Bewildered in a doubtful road.
- 2 Jesus, Thy words alone impart  
Eternal life; on these I live;  
Diviner comforts cheer my heart  
Than all the powers of nature give.

- 3 Here let my constant feet abide ;  
 Thou art the true, the living way :  
 Let Thy good Spirit be my guide  
 To the bright realms of endless day.
- 4 The various forms that men devise  
 To shake my faith with treacherous art,  
 I scorn as vanity and lies,  
 And bind Thy Gospel to my heart.

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THE starry firmament on high,  
 And all the glories of the sky,  
 Yet shine not to Thy praise, O Lord,  
 So brightly as Thy written word.

- 2 The hopes that holy word supplies,  
 Its truths divine, and precepts wise,  
 In each a heavenly beam I see,  
 And every beam conducts to Thee.
- 3 Almighty Lord, the sun shall fail,  
 The moon forget her nightly tale,  
 And deepest silence hush on high  
 The radiant chorus of the sky ;
- 4 But fixed for everlasting years,  
 Unmoved, amid the wreck of spheres,  
 Thy word shall shine in cloudless day,  
 When heaven and earth have passed away.

## MAN A SINNER.

## DEPRAVED.

## 256

C. M.

SIN has a thousand treacherous arts  
 To practice on the mind ;  
 With flattering looks she tempts our hearts,  
 But leaves a sting behind.

- 2 With names of virtue she deceives  
The aged and the young;  
And while the heedless wretch believes,  
She makes his fetters strong.
- 3 She pleads for all the joy she brings,  
And gives a fair pretence,  
But cheats the soul of heavenly things,  
And chains it down to sense.
- 4 So on a tree divinely fair  
Grew the forbidden food;  
Our mother took the poison there,  
And tainted all her blood.

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C. M.

- SIN, like a venomous disease,  
Infects our vital blood;  
The only balm is sovereign grace,  
And the physician, God.
- 2 Our beauty and our strength are fled,  
And we draw near to death;  
But Christ, the Lord, recalls the dead,  
With His almighty breath.
- 3 Madness by nature reigns within,  
The passions burn and rage,  
Till God's own Son, with skill divine,  
The inward fire assuage.
- 4 We lick the dust, we grasp the wind,  
And solid good despise;  
Such is the folly of the mind,  
Till Jesus makes us wise.
- 5 We give our souls the wounds they feel,  
We drink the poisonous gall,  
And rush with fury down to hell;  
But heaven prevents the fall.

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Psalm xiv.

L. M.

THE Lord looked down from heaven's  
high tower,

And all the sons of men did view,  
To see if any owned His power,  
If any truth or justice knew;

2 But all, He saw, were gone aside,  
All were degenerate grown, and base;  
None took religion for their guide,  
Not one of all the sinful race.

3 How will they tremble, then, for fear,  
When His just wrath shall them o'er-  
take:  
For to the righteous God is near,  
And never will their cause forsake.

4 Oh that from Sion he'd employ  
His might, and burst th' oppressive  
band!  
Then shouts of universal joy  
Should loudly echo through the land.

## INVITED.

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L. M.

PEACE, troubled soul, whose plaintive  
moan

Hath taught each scene the notes of woe;  
Cease thy complaint, suppress thy groan,  
And let thy tears forget to flow;  
Behold, the precious balm is found,  
To lull thy pain, to heal thy wound.

2 Come, freely come, by sin oppressed;  
On Jesus cast thy weighty load;  
In Him thy refuge find, thy rest;  
Trust in the mercy of thy God:



Thy God's thy Saviour—glorious word!  
For ever love and praise the Lord.

- 3 As spring the winter—day, the night,  
So peace thy gloom shall chase away,  
And smiling joy, a seraph bright,  
Shall tend thy steps and near thee stay;  
While glory weaves the immortal crown,  
And waits to claim thee for her own.

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COME, ye disconsolate, where'er ye languish,  
Come to the mercy-seat, fervently kneel:  
Here bring your wounded hearts, here tell  
your anguish;  
Earth has no sorrows that heaven can  
not heal.

- 2 Joy of the desolate, light of the straying,  
Hope of the penitent, fadeless and pure,  
Here speaks the Comforter, in mercy  
saying,  
Earth has no sorrows that heaven cannot  
cure.

- 3 Here see the bread of life; see waters  
flowing  
Forth from the throne of God, boundless  
in love;  
Come to the feast prepared; come, ever  
knowing  
Earth has its sorrows, but heaven can  
remove.

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L. M.

DEEP are the wounds that sin has made:  
Where shall the sinner find a cure?  
In vain, alas! is nature's aid—  
The work exceeds all nature's power.

- 2 And can no sovereign balm be found?  
 And is no kind physician nigh  
 To ease the pain and heal the wound,  
 Ere life and hope for ever fly?
- 3 There is a great Physician near:  
 Look up, oh fainting soul! and live:  
 See, in His heavenly smiles appear  
 Such ease as nature cannot give.
- 4 See, in the Saviour's dying blood  
 Life, health and bliss abundant flow!  
 'Tis only this dear, sacred flood  
 Can ease thy pain and heal thy woe.

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COME, ye sinners, poor and wretched,  
 Weak and wounded, sick and sore!  
 Jesus ready stands to save you,  
 Full of pity, love and power:  
 He is able,  
 He is willing: doubt no more.

- 2 Now, ye needy! come and welcome;  
 God's free bounty glorify:  
 True belief, and true repentance,  
 Every grace that brings us nigh—  
 Without money,  
 Come to Jesus Christ, and buy.
- 3 Let not conscience make you linger,  
 Nor of fitness fondly dream;  
 All the fitness He requireth,  
 Is to feel your need of Him;  
 This He gives you;  
 'Tis the Spirit's rising beam.
- 4 Come, ye weary, heavy laden,  
 Lost and ruined by the fall!

If you tarry till you're better,  
You will never come at all:  
Not the righteous,—  
Sinners Jesus came to call.

5 View Him prostrate in the garden;  
On the ground your Maker lies!  
On the bloody tree behold Him;  
Hear Him cry, before He dies,  
"It is finished!"  
Sinner, will not this suffice?

6 Lo! th' incarnate God, ascended,  
Pleads the merit of His blood:  
Venture on Him, venture wholly,  
Let no other trust intrude;  
None but Jesus  
Can do helpless sinners good.

7 Saints and angels, joined in concert,  
Sing the praises of the Lamb;  
While the blissful seats of heaven  
Sweetly echo with His name:  
Hallelujah!  
Sinners here may sing the same.

263

L. M.

**R**ETURN, oh wanderer, return,  
And seek an injured Father's face;  
Those warm desires that in Thee burn  
Were kindled by reclaiming grace.

2 Return, oh wanderer, return,  
And seek a Father's melting heart;  
His pitying eyes thy grief discern,  
His hand shall heal thy inward smart.

3 Return, oh wanderer, return;  
Thy Saviour bids thy spirit live;

Go to His bleeding feet, and learn  
How freely Jesus can forgive.

- 4 Return, oh wanderer, return,  
And wipe away the falling tear :  
'Tis God who says, "No longer mourn,"  
'Tis mercy's voice invites thee near.

## 264

S. M.

**N**OW is th' accepted time,  
Now is the day of grace  
Now, sinners, come without delay,  
And seek the Saviour's face.

- 2 Now is th' accepted time,  
The Saviour calls to-day :  
To-morrow it may be too late ;  
Then why should you delay ?

- 3 Now is th' accepted time,  
The gospel bids you come ;  
And every promise in His word  
Declares there yet is room.

- 4 Lord, draw reluctant souls,  
And feast them with Thy love :  
Then will the angels swiftly fly  
To bear the news above.

## 265

C. M.

**C**OME, trembling sinner ! in whose breast  
A thousand thoughts revolve—  
Come, with your guilt and fear oppressed,  
And make this last resolve,—

- 2 I'll go to Jesus, though my sin,  
Like mountains, round me rose ;  
I know His courts, I'll enter in,  
Whatever may oppose.

3 Prostrate I'll lie before His throne,  
And there my guilt confess :  
I'll tell Him I'm a wretch undone  
Without His sovereign grace.

4 Perhaps He will admit my plea,  
Perhaps will hear my prayer ;  
But if I perish, I will pray,  
And perish only there.

5 I can but perish if I go ;  
I am resolved to try :  
For if I stay away, I know  
I must for ever die.

266

C. M.

WHO shall against the Lord prevail?  
Or who presume to say,  
"That righteous law, which God proclaims,  
I dare to disobey?"

2 Ten thousand actions everywhere  
Th' impious language speak :  
Yet power omnipotent stands by,  
Nor do its thunders break.

3 But oh, the dreadful day draws near,  
When God's avenging hand  
Shall show if feeble mortals' breath,  
Or God's own word, shall stand.

4 My soul, with reverence prostrate fall  
Before the Voice divine,  
And all thine interest and thy powers  
To His command resign.

5 Let the vain sons of Belial boast,  
Their tongues and thoughts are free ;  
My noblest liberty I own,  
When subject most to Thee.

267

C. M.

THE Saviour calls; let every ear  
Attend the heavenly sound:  
Ye doubting souls! dismiss your fear;  
Hope smiles reviving round.

2 For every thirsty, longing heart  
Here streams of bounty flow;  
And life, and health, and bliss impart,  
To banish mortal woe.

3 Here springs of sacred pleasure rise,  
To ease your every pain:  
Immortal fountain! full supplies!  
Nor shall you thirst in vain.

4 Ye sinners! come, 'tis mercy's voice;  
The gracious call obey;  
Mercy invites to heavenly joys,  
And can you yet delay?

5 Dear Saviour! draw reluctant hearts;  
To Thee let sinners fly,  
And take the bliss Thy love imparts,  
And drink, and never die.

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COME, said Jesus' sacred voice,  
Come and make My paths your choice;  
I will guide you to your home!  
Weary pilgrim, hither come!

2 Thou who, houseless, sole, forlorn,  
Long hast borne the proud world's scorn,  
Long hast roamed the barren waste;  
Weary pilgrim, hither haste!

3 Ye who, tossed on beds of pain,  
Seek for ease, but seek in vain;

Ye, whose swollen and sleepless eyes  
Watch to see the morning rise;

4 Ye, by fiercer anguish torn,  
Guilt, in strong remorse, who mourn,  
Here repose your heavy care:  
Conscience wounded, who can bear?

5 Sinner, come! for here is found  
Balm that flows for every wound;  
Peace that ever shall endure;  
Rest eternal, sacred, sure.

269      *The Voice of Free Grace.*      12s.

THE voice of free grace cries—"Escape  
to the mountain!"

For Adam's lost race Christ hath opened a  
fountain;

For sin and uncleanness, and every trans-  
gression,

His blood flows most freely in streams of  
salvation.

*Chorus.*

Hallelujah to the Lamb! He hath pur-  
chased our pardon,

We'll praise Him again when we pass over  
Jordan.

2 Ye souls that are wounded! oh flee to the  
Saviour;

He calls you in mercy,—'tis infinite favor;  
Your sins are increasing—escape to the  
mountain,—

His blood can remove them, it flows from  
the fountain.

- 3 O Jesus! ride onward, triumphantly glorious,  
 O'er sin, death and hell Thou art more  
 than victorious;  
 Thy name is the theme of the great congregation,  
 While angels and saints raise the shout of  
 salvation.
- 4 With joy shall we stand, when escaped to  
 the shore;  
 With harps in our hands, we'll praise Him  
 the more:  
 We'll range the sweet plains on the bank  
 of the river,  
 And sing of salvation for ever and ever!

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6s &amp; 5s, PECULIAR.

- P**OOOR 'wildered, weeping heart,  
 What can relieve thee?  
 Come, sinful as thou art,  
 Christ will receive thee;  
 Come, though with woe oppressed,  
 Soft is the Saviour's breast,  
 There may'st thou sweetly rest,  
 There naught shall grieve thee.
- 2 Come, trembling, timid soul,  
 Why this delaying?  
 Thunders, that o'er thee roll,  
 Fall on thee straying.  
 Turn from destruction's ways,  
 Turn to the throne of grace;  
 There seek Thy Father's face,  
 Weeping and praying.
- 3 "Hence, guilty fear and doubt,  
 Leave me for ever!



Lord, wilt Thou cast me out?  
Never—oh never!  
From unbelief of mind,  
From thought to sin inclined,  
From flesh and hell combined,  
Thou wilt deliver.”

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7a.

FROM the cross uplifted high,  
Where the Saviour deigns to die,  
What melodious sounds we hear,  
Bursting on the ravished ear!  
“Love’s redeeming work is done;  
Come and welcome, sinner, come.

2 “Sprinkled now with blood the throne,  
Why beneath thy burdens groan?  
On My piercé body laid,  
Justice owns the ransom paid;  
Bow the knee, and kiss the Son;  
Come and welcome, sinner, come.

3 “Spread for thee, the festal board  
See with richest dainties stored;  
To thy Father’s bosom pressed,  
Yet again a child confessed,  
Never from His house to roam;  
Come and welcome, sinner, come.

4 “Soon the days of life shall end;  
Lo, I come, your Saviour, Friend,  
Safe your spirits to convey  
To the realms of endless day,  
Up to My eternal home;  
Come and welcome, sinner, come.”

CHILD of sin and sorrow,  
Filled with dismay,  
Wait not for to-morrow,  
Yield thee to-day :  
Heaven bids thee come,  
While yet there's room ;  
Child of sin and sorrow,  
Hear and obey.

2 Child of sin and sorrow,  
Why wilt thou die ?  
Come, while thou canst borrow  
Help from on high :  
Grieve not that love,  
Which from above,  
Child of sin and sorrow,  
Would bring thee nigh.

3 Child of sin and sorrow,  
Where wilt thou flee ?  
Through that long to-morrow,  
Eternity !  
Exiled from home,  
Darkly to roam,  
Child of sin and sorrow,  
Where wilt thou flee ?

4 Child of sin and sorrow,  
Lift up thine eye !  
Heirship thou canst borrow  
In worlds on high !  
In that high home,  
Graven Thy name  
Child of sin and sorrow,  
Swift homeward fly !

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8s &amp; 3s.

**W**E'RE traveling home to heaven  
above,  
Will you go?  
To sing the Saviour's dying love;  
Will you go?  
Millions have reached that blest abode,  
Anointed kings and priests to God,  
And millions more are on the road,  
Will you go?

2 We're going to see the bleeding Lamb,  
Will you go?  
In rapturous strains to praise His name;  
Will you go?  
The crown of life we there shall wear,  
The conqueror's palms our hands shall bear,  
And all the joys of heaven we'll share,  
Will you go?

3 We're going to join the heavenly choir,  
Will you go?  
To raise our voice and tune the lyre;  
Will you go?  
There saints and angels gladly sing  
Hosanna to their God and King,  
And make the heavenly arches ring,  
Will you go?

4 Ye weary, heavy-laden, come,  
Will you go?  
In the blest house there still is room;  
Will you go?  
The Lord is waiting to receive;  
If thou wilt on Him now believe,  
He'll give thy troubled conscience ease,  
Come, believe.

5 The way to heaven is straight and plain,  
     Will you go?  
 Repent, believe, be born again;  
     Will you go?  
 The Saviour cries aloud to thee,  
 "Take up thy cross and follow Me,  
 And thou shalt My salvation see,  
     Come to Me."

6 Oh could I hear some sinner say,  
     I will go! I will go!  
 I'll start this moment, on the way;  
     Let me go! let me go!  
 My old companions, fare you well,  
 I will not go with you to hell,  
 I mean with Jesus Christ to dwell,  
     I will go! I will go!

#### WARNED AND ENTREATED.

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11s.

**D**ELAY not, delay not; oh sinner! draw  
     near;  
 The waters of life are now flowing for  
     thee:  
 No price is demanded; the Saviour is  
     here;  
 Redemption is purchased, salvation is  
     free.

2 Delay not, delay not; why longer abuse  
     The love and compassion of Jesus, thy  
     God?  
 A fountain is opened; how canst thou re-  
     fuse  
 To wash and be cleansed in His pardon-  
     ing blood?

- 3 Delay not, delay not, oh sinner! to come,  
 For mercy still lingers, and calls thee  
 to-day;  
 Her voice is not heard in the shades of the  
 tomb:  
 Her message, unheeded, will soon pass  
 away.
- 4 Delay not, delay not; the Spirit of grace,  
 Long grieved and resisted, may take His  
 sad flight;  
 And leave thee in darkness to finish thy  
 race,  
 To sink in the gloom of eternity's night.
- 5 Delay not, delay not; the hour is at hand:  
 The earth shall dissolve, and the hea-  
 vens shall fade;  
 The dead, small and great, in the judgment  
 shall stand;  
 What helper, then, sinner, shall lend  
 thee his aid?

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7s.

**H**ASTEN, sinner, to be wise,  
 Stay not for the morrow's sun;  
 The longer wisdom you despise,  
 The harder is she to be won.

- 2 Hasten, mercy to implore,  
 And stay not for the morrow's sun,  
 For fear thy season should be o'er  
 Before this evening's course be run.
- 3 Hasten, sinner, to return,  
 And stay not for the morrow's sun,  
 Lest thy lamp should fail to burn  
 E'er the needful work is done.

- 4 Hasten, sinner, to be blest,  
And stay not for the morrow's sun,  
Lest the curse should thee arrest  
E'er the morrow is begun.

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12s &amp; 8s.

- W**HEN the harvest is past, and the  
summer is gone,  
And sermons and prayers shall be o'er,  
When the beams cease to break of the blest  
Sabbath morn,  
And Jesus invites thee no more ;
- 2 When the rich gales of mercy no longer  
shall blow,  
The gospel no message declare,—  
Sinner, how canst thou bear the deep wail-  
ing of woe ?  
How suffer the night of despair ?
- 3 When the holy have gone to the regions  
of peace,  
To dwell in the mansions above ;  
When their harmony wakes, in the fullness  
of bliss,  
Their song to the Saviour of love,—
- 4 Say, oh sinner, that livest at rest and se-  
cure,  
Who fearest no trouble to come,  
Can thy spirit the swellings of sorrow  
endure,  
Or bear the impenitent's doom ?

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7s.

**S**INNERS! turn—why will ye die?  
God, your Maker, asks you why :  
God, who did your being give,  
Made you with Himself to live:

He the fatal cause demands,  
 Asks the work of His own hands:  
 Why, oh thankless creatures! why  
 Will ye spurn His love, and die?

- 2 Sinners! turn—why will ye die?  
 God, your Saviour, asks you why:  
 He who His own life did give,  
 That ye might for ever live:  
 Will you let Him die in vain?  
 Crucify your Lord again?  
 Why, oh ransomed sinners! why  
 Will ye slight His grace, and die?
- 3 Sinners! turn—why will ye die?  
 God, the Spirit, asks you why:  
 He who all your lives hath strove—  
 Moved you to embrace His love:  
 Will ye not His love receive?  
 Will ye still refuse to live?  
 Why, oh long-sought sinners! why  
 Will ye grieve your God, and die?

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P. M., 8s, 7s &amp; 4s.

SINNERS, will you scorn the message,  
 Sent in mercy from above?  
 Every sentence—oh how tender!—  
     Every line is full of love;  
     Listen to it,  
     Every line is full of love.

- 2 Hear the heralds of the Gospel  
 News from Zion's King proclaim,  
 To each rebel sinner—"Pardon,  
     "Free forgiveness in His name."  
     How important!  
     Free forgiveness in His name!

- 3 Tempted souls, they bring you succor ;  
 Fearful hearts, they quell your fears,  
 And with news of consolation,  
 Chase away the falling tears :  
 Tender heralds  
 Chase away the falling tears.
- 4 False professors, grov'ling worldlings,  
 Callous hearers of the word,  
 While the messengers address you,  
 Take the warnings they afford ;  
 We entreat you,  
 Take the warnings they afford.
- 5 Oh ye angels, hov'ring round us,  
 Waiting spirits, speed your way,  
 Hasten to the court of heaven,  
 Tidings bear without delay :  
 Rebel sinners  
 Glad the message will obey.

- SEEK, my soul, the narrow gate,  
 Enter ere it be too late ;  
 Many ask to enter there  
 When too late to offer prayer.
- 2 God from mercy's seat shall rise,  
 And for ever bar the skies :  
 Then, though sinners cry without,  
 He will say, "I know you not."
- 3 Mournfully will they exclaim ;  
 "Lord, we have professed Thy Name ;  
 We have ate with Thee, and heard  
 Heavenly teaching in Thy word."



- 4 Vain, alas! will be their plea,  
Workers of iniquity;  
Sad their everlasting lot;  
Christ will say, "I know you not."

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C. M.

- S**INNERS, this solemn truth regard!  
Hear, all ye sons of men;  
For Christ, the Saviour, hath declared,  
"Ye must be born again."
- 2 Whate'er might be your birth or blood,  
The sinner's boast is vain;  
Thus saith the glorious Son of God,  
"Ye must be born again."
- 3 Your nature's totally depraved—  
Your heart a sink of sin;  
Without a change ye can't be saved;  
"Ye must be born again."
- 4 Spirit of life, Thy grace impart,  
And breathe on sinners slain;  
Work graciously upon each heart  
Till they be born again.
- 5 Dear Saviour, let them now begin  
To trust and love Thy word;  
And, by forsaking every sin,  
Prove they are born of God.

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L. M.

- S**AY, sinner, hath a voice within  
Oft whispered to thy secret soul,  
Urged thee to leave the ways of sin,  
And yield thy heart to God's control?
- 2 Hath something met thee in the path  
Of worldliness and vanity,

And pointed to the coming wrath,  
And warned thee from that wrath to flee?

- 3 Sinner, it was a heavenly voice,—  
It was the Spirit's gracious call;  
It bade thee make the better choice,  
And haste to seek in Christ thine all.
- 4 Spurn not the call to life and light;  
Regard in time the warning kind;  
That call thou may'st not always slight,  
And yet the gate of mercy find.
- 5 God's Spirit will not always strive  
With hardened, self-destroying man;  
Ye, who persist His love to grieve,  
May never hear His voice again.
- 6 Sinner, perhaps this very day  
Thy last accepted time may be;  
Oh shouldst thou grieve Him now away,  
Then hope may never beam on thee.

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## Ephesians v.

**S**INNER, rouse thee from thy sleep,  
Wake, and o'er thy folly weep;  
Raise thy spirit, dark and dead;  
Jesus waits His light to shed.

- 2 Wake from sleep, arise from death,  
See the bright and living path:  
Watchful tread that path, be wise;  
Leave thy folly, seek the skies.
- 3 Leave thy folly, cease from crime,  
From this hour redeem thy time;  
Life secure without delay,  
Evil is the mortal day.

- 4 Be not blind and foolish still ;  
 Called of Jesus, learn His will :  
 Jesus calls from death and night,  
 Jesus waits to shed His light.

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7s.

- S**INNER, art thou still secure ?  
 Wilt thou still refuse to pray ?  
 Can thy heart or hands endure  
 In the Lord's avenging day ?
- 2 See, His mighty arm is bared !  
 Awful terrors clothe His brow !  
 For His judgment stand prepared ;  
 Thou must either break or bow.
- 3 At His presence nature shakes,  
 Earth, affrighted, hastes to flee ;  
 Solid mountains melt like wax,  
 What will then become of thee ?
- 4 Who his advent may abide ?  
 You that glory in your shame,  
 Will you find a place to hide  
 When the world is wrapt in flame ?
- 5 Lord, prepare us by Thy grace !  
 Soon we must resign our breath,  
 And our souls be called to pass  
 Through the iron gate of death.
- 6 Let us now our day improve,  
 Listen to the gospel voice :  
 Seek the things that are above :  
 Scorn the world's pretended joys.

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C. M.

**S**INNERS! the voice of God regard :  
 'Tis mercy speaks to-day ;  
 He calls you by His gracious word  
 From sin's destructive way.

- 2 Like the rough sea that cannot rest,  
 You live devoid of peace;  
 A thousand stings within your breast  
 Deprive your souls of ease.
- 3 Your way is dark, and leads to hell:  
 Why will you persevere?  
 Can you in frightful torments dwell,  
 Shut up in black despair?
- 4 Bow to the sceptre of His word,  
 Renouncing every sin;  
 Submit to Him, your sovereign Lord,  
 And learn His will divine.

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7s &amp; 6s, PECULIAR.

- S**TOP, poor sinners, stop and think,  
 Before you further go;  
 Will you sport upon the brink  
 Of everlasting woe!  
 On the verge of ruin stop—  
 Now the friendly warning take—  
 Stay your footsteps, ere ye drop  
 Into the burning lake.
- 2 Say, have you an arm like God,  
 That you His will oppose?  
 Fear ye not that iron rod  
 With which He breaks His foes?  
 Can you stand in that dread day,  
 Which His justice shall proclaim,  
 When the earth shall melt away  
 Like wax before the flame?
- 3 Ghastly death will quickly come,  
 And drag you to His bar;  
 Then to hear your awful doom,  
 Will fill you with despair!

All your sins will round you crowd ;  
 You shall mark their crimson dye ;  
 Each for vengeance crying loud,  
 And what can you reply ?

- 4 Though your heart were made of steel,  
 Your forehead lined with brass ;  
 God at length will make you feel ;  
 He will not let you pass ;  
 Sinners then in vain will call—  
 Those who now despise His grace—  
 “Rocks and mountains, on us fall,  
 And hide us from His face.”

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L. M.

**W**HY will ye lavish out your years  
 Amidst a thousand trifling cares,  
 While, in the various range of thought,  
 The one thing needful is forgot ?

- 2 Why will ye chase the fleeting wind,  
 And famish an immortal mind,  
 While angels with regret look down  
 To see you spurn a heavenly crown ?
- 3 Th' eternal God calls from above,  
 And Jesus pleads His dying love ;  
 Awakened conscience gives you pain :  
 And shall they join their pleas in vain ?
- 4 Not so your dying eyes shall view  
 Those objects which ye now pursue ;  
 Not so shall heaven and hell appear  
 When the decisive hour is near.
- 5 Almighty God ! Thine aid impart,  
 To fix conviction on the heart :  
 Thy power can clear the darkest eyes,  
 And make the haughtiest scorner wise.

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L. M.

**B**ROAD is the road that leads to death,  
And thousands walk together there;  
But wisdom shows a narrow path,  
With here and there a traveler.

2 “Deny thyself, and take thy cross,”  
Is the Redeemer’s great command;  
Nature must count her gold but dross,  
If she would gain this heavenly land.

3 The fearful soul that tires and faints,  
And walks the ways of God no more,  
Is but esteemed almost a saint,  
And makes his own destruction sure.

4 Lord, let not all my hopes be vain;  
Create my heart entirely new;  
Which hypocrites could ne’er attain;  
Which false apostates never knew.

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7s.

**H**EARTS of stone, relent, relent,  
Break, by Jesus’ cross subdued;  
See His body, mangled, rent,  
Covered with a gore of blood;  
Sinful soul, what hast thou done?  
Crucified God’s only Son.

2 Yes, thy sins have done the deed,  
Driven the nails that fixed Him there;  
Crowned with thorns His sacred head,  
Plunged into His side the spear;  
Made His soul a sacrifice,  
While for sinful man He dies.

3 Wilt thou let Him bleed in vain?  
Still to death thy Lord pursue?

Open all His wounds again,  
 And the shameful cross renew?  
 No! with all my sins I'll part:  
 Break, oh break, my bleeding heart!

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7s.

**S**INNER, is thy heart at rest?  
 Is thy bosom void of fear?  
 Art thou not by guilt oppressed?  
 Speaks not conscience in thine ear?

2 Can this world afford thee bliss?  
 Can it chase away thy gloom?  
 Flattering, false, and vain it is:—  
 Tremble at the worldling's doom.

3 Think, oh sinner, on thy end;  
 See the judgment-day appear!  
 Thither must thy spirit wend;  
 There thy righteous sentence hear.

4 Wretched, ruined, helpless soul,  
 To a Saviour's blood apply;  
 He alone can make thee whole;  
 Fly to Jesus,—sinner, fly!

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*The Accepted Time.*

L. M.

**W**HILE life prolongs its precious light,  
 Mercy is found, and peace is given;  
 But soon, ah, soon, approaching night  
 Shall blot out every hope of heaven.

2 While God invites, how blest the day!  
 How sweet the gospel's charming sound!  
 "Come, sinners, haste, oh haste away,  
 While yet a pardoning God is found.

- 3 "Soon, borne on time's most rapid wing,  
 Shall death command you to the grave,  
 Before His bar your spirits bring,  
 And none be found to hear or save.
- 4 "In that lone land of deep despair,  
 No Sabbath's heavenly light shall rise,—  
 No God regard your bitter prayer,  
 No Saviour call you to the skies."
- 5 No wonders to the dead are shown,  
 (The wonders of redeeming love;)  
 No voice His glorious truth makes known,  
 Nor sings the bliss of climes above.
- 6 Silence, and solitude, and gloom  
 In these forgetful realms appear;  
 Deep sorrows fill the dismal tomb,  
 And hope shall never enter there.

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C. M.

**T**HERE is a time, we know not when,  
 A point, we know not where,  
 That marks the destiny of man  
 To glory or despair.

- 2 There is a line, by us unseen,  
 That crosses every path;  
 The hidden boundary between  
 God's patience and His wrath.
- 3 To pass that limit is to die,  
 To die as if by stealth;  
 It does not quench the beaming eye,  
 Or pale the glow of health.
- 4 The conscience may be still at ease,  
 The spirits light and gay;  
 That which is pleasing still may please,  
 And care be thrust away.



- 5 But on the forehead God has set,  
Indelibly, a mark,  
Unseen by man, for man as yet  
Is blind and in the dark.
- 6 And yet the doomed man's path below  
Like Eden may have bloomed;  
He did not, does not, will not know  
Or feel that he is doomed.
- 7 He knows, he feels that all is well,  
And every fear is calmed;  
He lives, he dies, he wakes in hell,  
Not only doomed, but damned.
- 8 Oh where is this mysterious bourne,  
By which our path is crossed,  
Beyond which, God himself hath sworn  
That he who goes is lost?
- 9 How far may we go on in sin?  
How long will God forbear?  
Where does hope end? and where begin  
The confines of despair?
- 10 An answer from the skies is sent;  
Ye that from God depart,  
While it is called to-day, repent!  
And harden not your heart.

## AWAKENED.

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S. M.

OH where shall rest be found,  
Rest for the weary soul?  
'Twere vain the ocean's depths to sound,  
Or pierce to either pole.

- 2 The world can never give  
The bliss for which we sigh:

- 'Tis not the whole of life to live,  
Nor all of death to die.
- 3 Beyond this vale of tears  
There is a life above,  
Unmeasured by the flight of years—  
And all that life is love.
- 4 There is a death whose pang  
Outlasts the fleeting breath :  
Oh what eternal horrors hang  
Around the second death !
- 5 Lord God of truth and grace !  
Teach us that death to shun :—  
Lest we be driven from Thy face,  
And evermore undone.
- 6 Here would we end our quest—  
Alone are found in Thee  
The life of perfect love—the rest  
Of immortality.

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S. M

- W**AKED by the trumpet's sound,  
I from my grave shall rise,  
And see the Judge with glory crowned,  
And see the flaming skies !
- 2 Who can resolve the doubt  
That tears my anxious breast ?  
Shall I be with the lost cast out,  
Or numbered with the blest ?
- 3 Oh Thou that wouldst not have  
One wretched sinner die !  
Who diedst Thyself, my soul to save  
From endless misery !—
- 4 Show me the way to shun  
Thy dreadful wrath severe !  
That when Thou comest on Thy throne,  
I may with joy appear !

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*Bartimeus's Prayer.*

C. M.

"**M**ERCY, O Thou son of David!"  
 Thus the blind Bartimeus prayed;  
 "Others by Thy word are savéd,  
 Now to me afford Thine aid."

- 2 Many for his crying chid him,  
 But he called the louder still;  
 Till the gracious Saviour bid him,  
 "Come, and ask me what you will."
- 3 Money was not what he wanted,  
 Though by begging used to live;  
 But he asked, and Jesus granted,  
 Alms which none but He could give.
- 4 "Lord, remove this grievous blindness,  
 "Let mine eyes behold the day!"  
 Straight he saw, and won by kindness,  
 Followed Jesus in the way.
- 5 Oh! methinks I hear him praising,  
 Publishing to all around,  
 "Friends, is not my case amazing?  
 What a Saviour I have found!"
- 6 "Oh! that all the blind but knew Him,  
 And would be advised by me!  
 Surely they would hasten to Him,  
 He would cause them all to see."

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PECULIAR.

**E**TERNITY! terrific word,  
 Within the heart a piercing sword!  
 Beginning without ending!  
 Eternity! unmeasured time!  
 I sink beneath the thought sublime  
 That I to thee am tending:  
 Deep horror fills my quaking heart,  
 My lips in speech refuse to part.

- 2 Eternity! oh what a pang!  
 Eternity! no serpent's fang  
 Could send that thrill of terror.  
 When I revolve thy clanking chains,  
 Thy dark abyss of deathless pains,  
 My soul is filled with horror.  
 Oh search the universe around,  
 No equal terror can be found!
- 3 Awake, oh man, from sinful sleep;  
 Bethink thyself, thou straying sheep;  
 Seek God by true repentance!  
 Awake, behold thy wasting sand,  
 Eternity is just at hand  
 And brings thine awful sentence.  
 This is, perchance, thy final day:  
 Who knows when he'll be snatched away?
- 4 Eternity! terrific word,  
 Within the heart a piercing sword!  
 Beginning without ending!  
 Eternity! unmeasured time!  
 I sink beneath the thought sublime  
 That I to thee am tending:  
 Lord Jesus, when it pleaseth Thee,  
 Grant me Thy blest eternity!

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*Apprehension Confessed.*

L. M.

**T**HOU Man of griefs! remember me,  
 Thou surely never canst forget  
 Thy last mysterious agony,  
 Thy fainting pangs and bloody sweat!—

- 2 When, wrestling in the strength of prayer,  
 Thy spirit sank beneath its load!  
 Thy feeble flesh afraid to bear  
 The wrath of an Almighty God!

- 3 Father, if I may call Thee so,  
    Regard my fearful heart's desire,  
Remove this load of guilty woe,  
    Nor let me in my sins expire!
- 4 I tremble lest the wrath divine,  
    Which bruises now my sinful soul,  
Should bruise this wretched soul of mine  
    Long as eternal ages roll!
- 5 I deprecate that death alone,  
    That endless banishment from Thee!  
Oh save me, through Thine only Son,  
    Who trembled, wept, and bled for me!

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C. P. M.

**L**O! on a narrow neck of land,  
'Twixt two unbounded seas, I stand,  
Secure, insensible:  
A point of time, a moment's space,  
Removes me to that heavenly place,  
Or shuts me up in hell.

- 2 O God! mine inmost soul convert,  
And deeply on my thoughtful heart  
Eternal things impress:  
Give me to feel their solemn weight,  
And tremble on the brink of fate,  
And wake to righteousness.
- 3 Before me place in dread array  
The pomp of that tremendous day,  
When Thou with clouds shalt come;  
To judge the nations at Thy bar;  
And tell me, Lord, shall I be there  
To meet a joyful doom?
- 4 Be this my one great business here,  
With serious industry and fear

Eternal bliss t' insure :  
 Thine utmost counsel to fulfill,  
 And suffer all Thy righteous will,  
 And to the end endure.

- 5 Then, Saviour, then my soul receive,  
 Transported from this vale to live  
 And reign with Thee above,  
 Where faith is sweetly lost in sight,  
 And hope in full, supreme delight  
 And everlasting love.

## PENITENT.

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L. M.

**J**UST as I am, without one plea,  
 But that Thy blood was shed for me,  
 And that 'Thou bid'st me come to Thee,  
 O Lamb of God, I come !

- 2 Just as I am, and waiting not  
 To rid my soul of one dark blot,  
 To Thee, whose blood can cleanse each spot,  
 O Lamb of God, I come !
- 3 Just as I am, though tossed about  
 With many a conflict, many a doubt,  
 Fightings within, and fears without,  
 O Lamb of God, I come !
- 4 Just as I am—poor, wretched, blind ;  
 Sight, riches, healing of the mind,  
 Yea, all I need, in Thee to find,  
 O Lamb of God, I come !
- 5 Just as I am—Thou wilt receive,  
 Wilt welcome, pardon, cleanse, relieve ;  
 Because Thy promise I believe,  
 O Lamb of God, I come !

- 6 Just as I am—Thy love unknown  
Hath broken every barrier down ;  
Now, to be Thine, yea, Thine alone,  
O Lamb of God, I come !

299

L. M.

- O** THOU that hear'st when sinners cry,  
Though all my crimes before Thee lie,  
Behold them not with angry look,  
But blot their memory from Thy book.
- 2 Create my nature pure within,  
And form my soul averse to sin :  
Let Thy good Spirit ne'er depart,  
Nor hide Thy presence from my heart.
- 3 I cannot live without Thy light,  
Cast out and banished from Thy sight :  
Thy holy joys, my God, restore,  
And guard me that I fall no more.
- 4 Though I have grieved Thy Spirit, Lord,  
Thy help and comfort still afford ;  
And let a wretch come near Thy throne,  
To plead the merits of Thy Son.
- 5 A broken heart, my God, my King,  
Is all the sacrifice I bring ;  
The God of grace will ne'er despise  
A broken heart for sacrifice.
- 6 My soul lies humbled in the dust,  
And owns Thy dreadful sentence just ;  
Look down, O Lord, with pitying eye,  
And save the soul condemned to die.

300

L. M.

**H**ERE at Thy cross, my dying Lord,  
I lay my soul beneath Thy love,  
Beneath the droppings of Thy blood,  
Jesus, nor shall it e'er remove.

- 2 Should worlds conspire to drive me thence,  
Moveless and firm this heart should lie;  
Resolved—for that's my last defence—  
If I must perish, there to die.
- 3 But speak, my Lord, and calm my fear;  
Am I not safe beneath Thy shade?  
Thy vengeance will not strike me here,  
Nor Satan dare my soul invade.
- 4 Yes, I'm secure beneath Thy blood,  
And all my foes shall lose their aim;  
Hosanna to my dying Lord,  
And my best honors to His name.

## 301

C. P. M.

- O** THOU who hear'st the prayer of faith,  
Wilt Thou not save a soul from death  
That casts itself on Thee?  
I have no refuge of my own,  
But fly to what my Lord hath done  
And suffered once for me.
- 2 Slain in the guilty sinner's stead,  
His spotless righteousness I plead,  
And His availing blood:  
That righteousness my robe shall be;  
That merit shall atone for me,  
And bring me near to God.
- 3 Then save me from eternal death,  
The Spirit of adoption breathe,  
His consolations send:  
By Him some word of life impart,  
And sweetly whisper to my heart,  
"Thy Maker is thy friend."
- 4 The king of terrors then would be  
A welcome messenger to me,



To bid me come away :  
 Unclogged by earth, or earthly things,  
 I'd mount, I'd fly, with eager wings,  
 To everlasting day.

302

L. M.

OH that my load of sin were gone !  
 Oh that I could at last submit,  
 At Jesus' feet to lay it down—  
 To lay my soul at Jesus' feet !

- 2 Rest for my soul I long to find :  
 Saviour of all, if mine Thou art,  
 Give me Thy meek and lowly mind,  
 And stamp Thine image on my heart.
- 3 Break off the yoke of inbred sin,  
 And fully set my spirit free :  
 I cannot rest, till pure within—  
 Till I am wholly lost in Thee.
- 4 Fain would I learn of Thee, my God !  
 Thy light and easy burden prove,—  
 The cross all stained with hallowed blood,  
 The labor of Thy dying love.
- 5 I would—but Thou must give the power ;  
 My heart from every sin release :  
 Bring near, bring near the joyful hour,  
 And fill me with Thy perfect peace !
- 6 Come, Lord, the drooping sinner cheer,  
 Nor let Thy chariot wheels delay ;  
 Appear in my poor heart, appear ;  
 My God, my Saviour, come away.

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7s.

COME, my soul, Thy suit prepare,  
 Jesus loves to answer prayer ;  
 He himself has bid thee pray,  
 Rise and ask without delay.

- 2 With my burden I begin;  
 Lord! remove this load of sin!  
 Let Thy blood, for sinners spilt,  
 Set my conscience free from guilt.
- 3 Lord! I come to Thee for rest;  
 Take possession of my breast;  
 There Thy sovereign right maintain,  
 And without a rival reign.
- 4 Show me what I have to do,  
 Every hour my strength renew;  
 Let me live a life of faith,  
 Let me die thy people's death.

## 304

*Penitence.*

L. M.

- SHOW pity, Lord! O Lord, forgive!  
 S Let a repenting sinner live,  
 Are not Thy mercies large and free?  
 May not the contrite trust in Thee?
- 2 With shame my numerous sins I trace  
 Against Thy law, against Thy grace;  
 And, though my prayer Thou shouldst not  
     hear  
 My doom is just, and Thou art clear.
- 3 Yet save a penitent, O Lord!  
 Whose hope, still hovering round Thy  
     word,  
 Seeks for some precious promise there,  
 Some sure support against despair.
- 4 My sins are great, but don't surpass  
 The riches of eternal grace.  
 Great God! Thy nature hath no bound:  
 So let Thy pardoning love be found.
- 5 Oh wash my soul from every stain,  
 Nor let the guilt I mourn remain.

Give me to hear Thy pardoning voice,  
And bid my bleeding heart rejoice.

- 6 Then shall Thy love inspire my tongue,  
Salvation shall be all my song;  
And every power shall join to bless  
The Lord, my strength and righteousness.

305

7s.

**J**ESUS, save my dying soul;  
Make the broken spirit whole;  
Humbled in the dust I lie;  
Saviour, leave me not to die.

- 2 Jesus, full of every grace,  
Now reveal Thy smiling face;  
Grant the joy of sin forgiven,  
Foretaste of the bliss of heaven.
- 3 All my guilt to Thee is known—  
Thou art righteous, Thou alone:  
All my help is from Thy cross;  
All besides I count but loss.
- 4 Lord, in Thee I now believe;  
Wilt Thou—wilt Thou not forgive?  
Helpless at Thy feet I lie;  
Saviour, leave me not to die.

## MAN A SAINT.

### JUSTIFIED.

306

L. M.

**B**LEST is the man, for ever blest,  
Whose guilt is pardoned by his God,  
Whose sins with sorrow are confessed,  
And covered with his Saviour's blood.

- 2 Blest is the man to whom the Lord  
Imputes not his iniquities ;  
He pleads no merit of reward,  
And not on works, but grace, relies.
- 3 From guile his heart and lips are free ;  
His humble joy, his holy fear,  
With deep repentance well agree,  
And join to prove his faith sincere.
- 4 How glorious is that righteousness  
That hides and cancels all his sins !  
While a bright evidence of grace  
Through his whole life appears and  
shines.

## PARDONED.

307

C. M.

- WHEN God revealed His gracious  
name,  
And changed my mournful state,  
My rapture seemed a pleasing dream,  
The grace appeared so great.
- 2 The world beheld the glorious change,  
And did Thy hand confess ;  
My tongue broke out in unknown strains,  
And sang surprising grace.
- 3 "Great is the work," my neighbors cried,  
And owned Thy power divine ;  
"Great is the work," my heart replied,  
"And be the glory Thine."
- 4 The Lord can clear the darkest skies,  
Can give us day for night ;  
Make drops of sacred sorrow rise  
To rivers of delight.

- 5 Let those that sow in sadness wait  
Till the fair harvest come;  
They shall confess their sheaves are great,  
And shout the blessings home.

308

S. M.

**H**OW various and how new  
Are Thy compassions, Lord!  
Each morning shall Thy mercies show,  
Each night Thy love record.

- 2 Thy goodness, like the sun,  
Dawned on our early days,  
Ere infant reason had begun  
To form our lips to praise.
- 3 Each object we beheld  
Gave pleasure to our eyes,  
And nature all our senses held  
In bands of sweet surprise.
- 4 But pleasures more refined  
Awaited that blest day  
When light arose upon our mind  
To chase our sins away.
- 5 How various and how new  
Are Thy compassions, Lord!  
Eternity Thy truth shall show,  
And all Thy love record.

309

*Grace.*

C. M.

**A**MAZING grace! how sweet the sound,  
That saved a soul like me!  
I once was lost, but now am found,  
Was blind, but now I see.

- 2 'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear,  
'Twas grace my fears relieved;

How precious did that grace appear,  
The hour I first believed!

3 Full many a danger, toil, and snare  
My soul has overcome;  
'Tis grace that brought me safe thus far,  
And grace will lead me home.

4 And when this flesh and heart shall fail,  
And mortal life shall cease,  
I shall possess within the veil  
A life of joy and peace.

## 310

P. M., 7s.

**A**M I called? and can it be,  
Has my Saviour chosen me?  
Guilty, wretched as I am,  
Has He named my worthless name?  
Vilest of the vile am I,  
Dare I raise my hopes so high?

2 Am I called? I dare not stay,  
May not, must not disobey;  
Here, I lay me at Thy feet,  
Clinging to the mercy-seat;  
Thine I am and Thine alone;  
Lord, with me Thy will be done.

3 Am I called? what shall I bring  
As an offering to my King?  
Poor, and blind, and naked, I  
Trembling at Thy footstool lie;  
Naught but sin I call mine own,  
Nor for sin can sin atone.

4 Am I called an heir of God?  
Washed, redeemed by precious blood?  
Father, lead me in Thy hand,  
Guide me to that better land,  
Where my soul shall be at rest,  
Pillowed on my Saviour's breast.

## ASSURED.

311

6s &amp; 9s.

OH how happy are they  
Who the Saviour obey,  
And have laid up their treasures above!  
Tongue can never express  
The sweet comfort and peace  
Of a soul in its earliest love.

2 That sweet comfort was mine  
When the favor divine  
I received through the blood of the Lamb;  
When my heart first believed,  
What a joy I received!  
What a heaven in Jesus' dear name!

3 'Twas a heaven below  
My Redeemer to know;  
And the angels could do nothing more  
Than to fall at His feet,  
And the story repeat,  
And the Lover of sinners adore.

4 Jesus all the day long  
Was my joy and my song;  
Oh that all His salvation might see!  
He hath loved me, I cried,  
He hath suffered and died,  
To redeem even rebels like me.

5 Oh the rapturous height  
Of that holy delight  
Which I felt in the life-giving blood!  
Of my Saviour possessed,  
I was perfectly blest,  
As if filled with the fullness of God.

312

C. L. M.

I NOW have found for hope of heaven  
An anchor ground that firm will hold;  
One—through the cross of Jesus given,  
By God predestined from of old;  
A ground that shall enduring stay  
When earth and skies have passed away.

2 'Tis mercy,—mercy never ending,  
Whose measure all our thoughts excels,  
The arms of pity wide extending  
Of Him whose heart for sinners feels,  
And whose compassion warns His foes  
To fly from sin and endless woes.

3 Of all beside were I forsaken,  
That could my soul or body cheer,—  
If every joy of earth were taken,  
And not a friend were left me here,—  
One joy remains—the brightest, best:  
With pardoning love I still am blest.

313

7s.

MARY to her Saviour's tomb  
Hasted at the early dawn;  
Spice she brought, and sweet perfume,  
But the Lord she loved had gone.

2 For awhile she weeping stood,  
Struck with sorrow and surprise;  
Shedding tears, a plenteous flood,  
For her heart supplied her eyes.

3 Jesus, who is always near,  
Though too often unperceived,  
Came His drooping child to cheer,  
Kindly asking why she grieved.



- 4 Though at first she knew Him not,  
When He called her by her name,  
Then were all her griefs forgot,  
For she found He was the same.
- 5 Grief and sighing quickly fled  
When she heard His welcome voice;  
Just before she thought Him dead;  
Now He bids her heart rejoice.
- 6 What a change His word can make,  
Turning darkness into day!  
You who weep for Jesus' sake,  
He will wipe your tears away.

## 314

H. M.

- A**RISE, my soul, arise,  
Shake off thy guilty fears,  
The bleeding Sacrifice  
In my behalf appears;  
Before the throne my Surety stands,  
My name is written on His hands.
- 2 He ever lives above,  
For me to intercede;  
His all-redeeming love,  
His precious blood to plead;  
His blood atoned for all our race,  
And sprinkles now the throne of grace.
- 3 Five bleeding wounds He bears,  
Received on Calvary;  
They pour effectual prayers,  
They strongly speak for me;  
Forgive him, oh forgive, they cry,  
Nor let that ransomed sinner die.
- 4 The Father hears Him pray,  
His dear anointed One;

He cannot turn away  
The presence of His Son ;  
His Spirit answers to the blood,  
And tells me I am born of God.

- 5 My God is reconciled,  
His pardoning voice I hear :  
He owns me for His child,  
I can no longer fear ;  
With confidence I now draw nigh,  
And Father, Abba, Father ! cry.

## IN BODILY AND SPIRITUAL TROUBLE.

315

C. M.

**I**N vain I trace creation o'er  
In search of solid rest :  
The whole creation is too poor,  
Too mean to make me blest.

- 2 Let earth and all her charms depart,  
Unworthy of the mind ;  
In God alone this restless heart  
Enduring bliss can find.
- 3 Thy favor, Lord, is all I want ;  
Here would my spirit rest :  
Oh seal the rich, the boundless grant,  
And make me fully blest !

316

S. M.

**Y**OUR harps, ye trembling saints,  
Down from the willows take :  
Loud to the praise of love divine  
Bid every string awake.

- 2 Though in a foreign land,  
We are not far from home ;  
And nearer to our house above  
We every moment come.

- 3 His grace will to the end  
Stronger and brighter shine;  
Nor present things, nor things to come,  
Shall quench the spark divine.
- 4 When we in darkness walk,  
Nor feel the heavenly flame,  
Then is the time to trust our God,  
And rest upon His name.
- 5 Soon shall our doubts and fears  
Subside at His control;  
His loving kindness shall break through  
The midnight of the soul.
- 6 Blest is the man, O Lord,  
Who stays himself on Thee;  
Who waits for Thy salvation, Lord,  
Shall Thy salvation see.

317

C. M

**D**EAR Refuge of my weary soul,  
On Thee, when sorrows rise—  
On Thee, when waves of trouble roll,  
My fainting hope relies.

- 2 To Thee I tell each rising grief,  
For Thou alone canst heal;  
Thy word can bring a sweet relief  
For every pain I feel.
- 3 Hast Thou not bid me seek Thy face?  
And shall I seek in vain?  
And can the ear of sovereign grace  
Be deaf when I complain?
- 4 No: still the ear of sovereign grace  
Attends the mourner's prayer;  
Oh, may I ever find access  
To breathe my sorrows there!

- 5 Thy mercy-seat is open still;  
Here let my soul retreat,  
With humble hope attend Thy will,  
And wait beneath Thy feet.

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8s &amp; 7s.

- G**ENTLY, Lord! oh gently lead us  
Through this lowly vale of tears—  
Through the changes Thou'st decreed us,  
Till our last great change appears:  
Oh refresh us with Thy blessing—  
Oh refresh us with Thy grace!  
May Thy mercies, never ceasing,  
Fit us for Thy dwelling-place.
- 2 When temptation's darts assail us,  
When in devious paths we stray,  
Let Thy goodness never fail us—  
Lead us in Thy perfect way:  
In the hour of pain and anguish—  
In the hour when death draws near,  
Suffer not our hearts to languish—  
Suffer not our souls to fear.
- 3 When this mortal life is ended,  
Bid us in Thine arms to rest,  
Till by angel bands attended,  
We awake among the blest:  
Oh refresh us with Thy blessing—  
Oh refresh us with Thy grace!  
May Thy mercies, never ceasing,  
Fit us for Thy dwelling-place.

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C. M.

- A**LAS! what hourly dangers rise,  
What snares beset my way!  
To heaven, oh let me lift mine eyes,  
And hourly watch and pray.

- 2 How oft my mournful thoughts complain,  
And melt in flowing tears:  
My weak resistance, ah, how vain,  
How strong my foes and fears!
- 3 O gracious God, in whom I live,  
My feeble efforts aid;  
Help me to watch, and pray, and strive,  
Though trembling and afraid.
- 4 Increase my faith, increase my hope,  
When foes and fears prevail;  
And bear my fainting spirit up,  
Or soon my strength will fail.
- 5 Whene'er temptations fright my heart,  
Or lure my feet aside,  
My God, Thy powerful aid impart,  
My Guardian and my Guide.
- 6 Oh keep me in Thy heavenly way,  
And bid the tempter flee;  
And let me never, never stray  
From happiness and Thee.

320

L. M.

**L**ORD, unafflicted, undismayed,  
In pleasure's path how long I strayed!  
But Thou hast made me feel Thy rod,  
And turned my soul to Thee, my God.

- 2 What though it pierced my fainting heart,  
I bless Thy hand that caused the smart;  
It taught my tears a while to flow,  
But saved me from eternal woe.
- 3 Oh hadst Thou left me unchastised,  
Thy precepts I had still despised,  
And still the snare, in secret laid  
Had my unwary feet betrayed.

- 4 I love Thy chastenings, oh my God ;  
They fix my hopes on Thy abode,  
Where, in Thy presence fully blest,  
Thy stricken saints for ever rest.

## 321

10s.

- A** BIDE with me! fast falls the even-  
tide,  
The darkness deepens—Lord, with me  
abide!  
When other helpers fail, and comforts flee,  
Help of the helpless, oh abide with me!
- 2 Swift to its close ebbs out life's little day—  
Earth's joys grow dim, its glories pass  
away ;  
Change and decay in all around I see—  
O Thou who changest not, abide with me!
- 3 I need Thy presence every passing hour :  
What but Thy grace can foil the tempter's  
power?  
Who like Thyself my guide and stay  
can be?  
In life, in death, O Lord, abide with me!

## 322

C. M.

- O** THOU who driest the mourner's tear,  
How dark this world would be,  
If, pierced by sins and sorrows here,  
We could not fly to Thee!
- 2 But Thou wilt heal that broken heart,  
Which, like the plants that throw  
Their fragrance from the wounded part,  
Breathes sweetness out of woe.
- 3 When joy no longer soothes or cheers,  
And even the hope that threw

A moment's sparkle o'er our tears,  
Is dimmed and vanished too,—

4 Oh who could bear life's stormy doom,  
Did not Thy wing of love  
Come brightly wafting through the gloom  
Our peace-branch from above?

5 Then sorrow, touched by Thee, grows bright  
With more than rapture's ray;  
As darkness shows us worlds of light  
We never saw by day.

**323** *Affliction.* C. M.

**H**EAR, gracious God, my humble moan,  
To Thee I breathe my sighs:  
When will the mournful night be gone?  
When shall my joys arise?

2 Yet though my soul in darkness mourns,  
Thy promise is my stay;  
Here would I rest till light returns,  
Thy presence makes my day.

3 Come, Lord, and with celestial peace,  
Relieve my aching heart;  
Oh smile, and bid my sorrows cease,  
And all their gloom depart.

4 Then shall my drooping spirit rise,  
And bless Thy healing rays,  
And change these deep complaining sighs  
For songs of sacred praise.

**324** 8s, 7s & 4s.

**O**H my soul, what means this sadness?  
Wherefore art thou thus cast down?  
Let thy griefs be turned to gladness,  
Bid thy restless fears be gone;  
Look to Jesus,  
And rejoice in His dear name.

- 2 What though Satan's strong temptations  
Vex and grieve thee day by day?  
And thy sinful inclinations  
Often fill thee with dismay?  
Thou shalt conquer,  
Through the Lamb's redeeming blood.
- 3 Though ten thousand ills beset thee,  
From without and from within,  
Jesus saith He'll ne'er forget thee,  
But will save from hell and sin:  
He is faithful  
To perform His gracious word.
- 4 Though distresses now attend thee,  
And thou tread'st the thorny road,  
His right hand shall still defend thee;  
Soon He'll bring thee home to God!  
Therefore praise Him—  
Praise the great Redeemer's name.
- 5 Oh that I could now adore Him  
Like the heavenly host above,  
Who for ever bow before Him,  
And unceasing sing His love!  
Happy songsters!  
When shall I your chorus join?

**T**HERE is a pure and peaceful wave,  
That rolls around the throne of love;  
Whose waters gladden as they lave  
The bright and heavenly shores above.

- 2 While streams, which on that tide depend,  
Steal from those heavenly shores away,  
And on this desert world descend,  
Over our barren land to stray,—



- 3 The pilgrim, faint and near to sink  
 Beneath his load of earthly woe,  
 Refreshed beneath its verdant brink,  
 Rejoices in its gentle flow.
- 4 There, oh my soul, do thou repose,  
 And hover o'er the hallowed spring,  
 To drink the crystal wave, and there  
 To lave thy wounded, weary wing.
- 5 It may be that the waft of love  
 Some leaves on that pure tide hath  
 driven,  
 Which, passing from the shores above,  
 Have floated down to us from heaven.
- 6 So shall thy wants and woes be healed  
 By the blest influence they bring;  
 So thy parched lips shall be unsealed,  
 Thy Saviour's worthy name to sing.

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C. M.

WHEN languor and disease invade  
 This trembling house of clay,  
 'Tis sweet to look beyond my pains,  
 And long to fly away.

- 2 Sweet to look inward, and attend  
 The whispers of His love;  
 Sweet to look upward to the place  
 Where Jesus pleads above.
- 3 Sweet on His faithfulness to rest,  
 Whose love can never end;  
 Sweet on His covenant of grace  
 For all things to depend.
- 4 If such the sweetness of the streams,  
 What must the fountain be,  
 Where saints and angels draw their bliss  
 Immediately from Thee?

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Psalm xxxvii.

7s &amp; 6s.

COMMIT Thy way, confiding,  
When trials here arise,  
To Him whose hand is guiding  
The tumult of the skies.  
There clouds and tempests, raging,  
Have all their paths assigned;  
Will God, for thee engaging,  
No way of safety find?

- 2 Trust in the Lord! His favor  
Will for thy wants provide,  
Regard His word!—and ever  
Thy work shall safe abide.  
When sorrows here o’ertake thee  
And self-inflicted care,  
Let not thy God forsake thee!  
He listens for thy prayer.
- 3 Hope on! thou weak believer,  
Hope on, and falter not!  
He will thy soul deliver  
From deeps of troubled thought:  
Thy graces He will nourish,  
With hope thy heart employ,  
Till faith and love shall flourish,  
And yield their fruits of joy.
- 4 The sorrows, Lord, that try us,  
Oh bring them to an end!  
With needed strength supply us,  
From every foe defend!  
Let us, till death pursuing  
The best—Thy chosen—way,  
In heaven our life renewing,  
Praise Thee in endless day.

328

C. M.

WHEN musing sorrow weeps the past,  
And mourns the present pain,  
'Tis sweet to think of peace at last,  
And feel that death is gain.

- 2 'Tis not that murmuring thoughts arise,  
And dread a Father's will;  
'Tis not that meek submission flies,  
And would not suffer still.
- 3 It is that heaven-born faith surveys  
The path that leads to light,  
And longs her eagle plumes to raise,  
And lose herself in sight.
- 4 Oh let me wing my hallowed flight  
From earth-born woe and care,  
And soar above these clouds of night,  
My Saviour's bliss to share!

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Psalm lxxi.

C. M.

IN Thee I put my steadfast trust,  
Defend me, Lord, from shame:  
Incline Thine ear, and save my soul,  
For righteous is Thy Name.

- 2 Be Thou my strong abiding-place,  
To which I may resort:  
Thy promise, Lord, is my defence,  
Thou art my rock and fort.
- 3 My steadfast and unchanging hope  
Shall on Thy power depend;  
And I in grateful songs of praise  
My time to come will spend.
- 4 Thy righteous acts and saving health  
My mouth shall still declare,

Unable yet to count them all,  
Though summed with utmost care.

5 While God vouchsafes me His support,  
I'll in His strength go on ;  
All other righteousness disclaim,  
And mention His alone.

6 Thou, Lord, hast taught me from my youth,  
To praise Thy glorious Name ;  
And ever since, Thy wondrous works  
Have been my constant theme.

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*The Sailor.*

8s &amp; 7s.

**T**OSSED upon life's raging billow,  
Sweet it is, O Lord, to know  
Thou didst press a sailor's pillow,  
And canst feel a sailor's woe.

2 Never slumbering, never sleeping,  
Though the night be dark and drear,  
Thou the faithful watch art keeping,  
All, all's well, Thy constant cheer.

3 And though loud the wind is howling,  
Fierce though flash the lightnings red,  
Darkly though the storm clouds scowling,  
O'er the sailor's anxious head,—

4 Thou canst calm the raging ocean,  
All its noise and tumult still,  
Hush the tempest's wild commotion,  
At the bidding of Thy will.

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12s.

**W**HEN through the torn sail the wild  
tempest is streaming,  
When o'er the dark wave the red light-  
ning is gleaming,

Nor hope lends a ray the poor seaman to  
cherish,  
We fly to our Maker: "Save, Lord, or we  
perish."

2 O Jesus, once rocked on the breast of the  
billow,  
Aroused by the shriek of despair from thy  
pillow,  
Now seated in glory the mariner cherish,  
Who cries in his anguish, "Save, Lord, or  
we perish."

3 And oh! when the whirlwind of passion is  
raging,  
When sin in our hearts its wild warfare is  
waging,  
Then send down Thy Spirit, Thy ransomed  
to cherish,  
Rebuke the destroyer; "Save, Lord, or we  
perish."

## 332

8s, 7s &amp; 4s.

STAR of peace! to wand'ers weary,  
Bright the beams that smile on me;  
Cheer the pilot's vision dreary,  
Far, far at sea.

2 Star of hope! gleam on the billow,  
Bless the soul that sighs for thee;  
Bless the sailor's lonely pillow,  
Far, far at sea.

3 Star of faith! when winds are mocking  
All his toil, he flies to thee;  
Save him, on the billows rocking,  
Far, far at sea.

- 4 Star divine! oh safely guide him,—  
 Bring the wanderer home to Thee!  
 Sore temptations long have tried him,  
 Far, far at sea.

333

C. M.

**H**OW are Thy servants blest, O Lord!  
 How sure is their defence!  
 Eternal wisdom is their guide,  
 Their help Omnipotence.

- 2 In foreign realms, and lands remote,  
 Supported by Thy care,  
 Through burning climes I passed unhurt,  
 And breathed in tainted air.
- 3 Thy mercy sweetened every soil,  
 Made every region please;  
 The hoary Alpine hills it warmed,  
 And smoothed the Tyrrhene seas.
- 4 Think, oh my soul, devoutly think,  
 How with affrighted eyes  
 Thou sawest the wide-extended deep,  
 In all its horrors rise!
- 5 Confusion dwelt in every face,  
 And fear in every heart,  
 When waves on waves, and gulfs in gulfs,  
 O'ercame the pilot's art.
- 6 Yet then from all my griefs, O Lord,  
 Thy mercy set me free,  
 While, in the confidence of prayer,  
 My heart took hold on Thee.
- 7 For though in dreadful whirls we hung,  
 High on the broken wave,  
 I knew Thou wert not slow to hear,  
 Nor impotent to save.

- 8 The storm was laid, the winds retired,  
Obedient to Thy will;  
The sea, that roared at Thy command,  
At Thy command was still.
- 9 In midst of dangers, fears, and deaths,  
Thy goodness I'll adore,  
And praise Thee for Thy mercies past,  
And humbly hope for more.

## 334

7s.

- 'TIS my happiness below  
Not to live without the cross;  
But the Saviour's power to know,  
Sanctifying every loss.
- 2 Trials must and will befall;  
But with humble faith to see  
Love inscribed upon them all,  
This is happiness to me.
- 3 Did I meet no trials here,  
No chastisement by the way,  
Might I not with reason fear  
I should be a cast-away?
- 4 Trials make the promise sweet;  
Trials give new life to prayer;  
Bring me to my Saviour's feet,  
Lay me low, and keep me there.

## SUBMISSION TO THE WILL OF GOD.

## 335

L. M.

BE still, my heart! these anxious cares  
To thee are burdens, thorns, and  
snares;  
They cast dishonor on thy Lord,  
And contradict His gracious word.

- 2 Brought safely by His hand thus far,  
Why wilt thou now give place to fear?  
How canst thou want if He provide,  
Or lose thy way with such a guide?
- 3 When first before His mercy-seat  
Thou didst to Him thy all commit,  
He gave thee warrant from that hour,  
To trust His wisdom, love, and power.
- 4 Did ever trouble yet befall,  
And He refuse to hear thy call?  
And has He not His promise passed,  
That thou shalt overcome at last?
- 5 Though rough and thorny be the road,  
It leads thee home, apace, to God;  
Then count thy present trials small,  
For heaven will make amends for all.

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L. M.

**T**HY will be done! I will not fear  
The fate provided by Thy love;  
Though clouds and darkness shroud me  
here,  
I know that all is bright above.

- 2 The stars of heaven are shining on,  
Though these frail eyes are dimmed with  
tears;  
The hopes of earth indeed are gone,  
But are not ours th' immortal years?
- 3 Father! forgive the heart that clings,  
Thus trembling, to the things of time;  
And bid my soul, on angel wings,  
Ascend into a purer clime.
- 4 There shall no doubts disturb its trust,  
No sorrows dim celestial love;



But these afflictions of the dust,  
Like shadows of the night, remove.

- 5 Even now, above, there's radiant day,  
While clouds and darkness brood below;  
Then, Father, joyful on my way  
To drink the bitter cup I go.

337

L. M.

**C**OURAGE, my soul ! while God is near,  
What enemy hast thou to fear?  
How canst thou want a sure defence,  
Whose refuge is Omnipotence?

- 2 Though thickest dangers crowd my way  
My God can chase my fears away;  
My steadfast heart on Him relies,  
And all those dangers still defies.
- 3 Though billows after billows roll  
To overwhelm my sinking soul,  
Firm as a rock my faith shall stand,  
Upheld by God's almighty hand.
- 4 In life, His presence is my aid;  
In death, 'twill guide me through the  
shade,  
Chase all my rising fears away,  
And turn my darkness into day.

338

C. M.

**A**M I a soldier of the cross,  
A follower of the Lamb?  
And shall I fear to own His cause,  
Or blush to speak His name?

- 2 Must I be carried to the skies  
On flowery beds of ease,  
While others fought to win the prize,  
And sailed through bloody seas?

- 3 Are there no foes for me to face?  
 Must I not stem the flood?  
 Is this vile world a friend to grace,  
 To help me on to God?
- 4 Sure I must fight, if I would reign;  
 Increase my courage, Lord!  
 I'll bear the toil, endure the pain,  
 Supported by Thy word.
- 5 Thy saints, in all this glorious war,  
 Shall conquer, though they die;  
 They see the triumph from afar  
 With faith's discerning eye.
- 6 When that illustrious day shall rise,  
 And all Thine armies shine  
 In robes of victory through the skies,  
 The glory shall be Thine.

## STEADFAST AND ABOUNDING IN GRACE.

339

*Not Ashamed of Christ.*

- JESUS, and shall it ever be,  
 A mortal man ashamed of Thee—  
 Ashamed of Thee, whom angels praise,  
 Whose glories shine through endless days?
- 2 Ashamed of Jesus! sooner far  
 Let night disown each radiant star;  
 'Tis midnight with my soul till He,  
 Bright Morning Star, bid darkness flee.
- 3 Ashamed of Jesus! oh, as soon  
 Let morning blush to own the sun;  
 He sheds the beams of light divine  
 O'er this benighted soul of mine.

4 Ashamed of Jesus, that dear Friend  
On whom my hopes of heaven depend!  
No; when I blush, be this my shame,  
That I no more revere His Name.

5 Ashamed of Jesus! empty pride;  
I'll boast a Saviour crucified;  
And, oh may this my portion be,  
My Saviour not ashamed of me.

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L. M.

**N**O change of time shall ever shock  
My firm affection, Lord, to Thee;  
For Thou hast always been my rock,  
A fortress and defence to me.

2 Thou my deliverer art, my God;  
My trust is in Thy mighty power:  
Thou art my shield from foes abroad,  
At home my safeguard and my tower.

3 To Thee I will address my prayer,  
To whom all praise we justly owe;  
So shall I, by Thy watchful care,  
Be guarded safe from every foe.

341

C. M.

**A**WAKE, my soul; stretch every nerve,  
And press with vigor on;  
A heavenly race demands thy zeal,  
And an immortal crown.

2 A cloud of witnesses around  
Hold thee in full survey;  
Forget the steps already trod,  
And onward urge thy way.

3 'Tis God's all-animating voice  
That calls thee from on high:

'Tis His own hand presents the prize  
To thine uplifted eye,—

- 4 That prize, with peerless glories bright,  
Which shall new lustre boast,  
When victors' wreaths and monarchs' gems  
Shall blend in common dust.

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Psalm cxix.

C. M.

**T**HOU art my portion, Oh my God!  
Soon as I know Thy way,  
My heart makes haste t' obey Thy word,  
And suffers no delay.

- 2 I choose the path of heavenly truth,  
And glory in my choice;  
Not all the riches of the earth  
Could make me so rejoice.

- 3 The testimonies of Thy grace  
I set before mine eyes;  
Thence I derive my daily strength,  
And there my comfort lies.

- 4 Whene'er I wander from Thy path,  
I think upon my ways;  
Then turn my feet to Thy commands,  
And trust Thy pardoning grace.

- 5 Now I am Thine, for ever Thine:  
Oh save Thy servant, Lord!  
Thou art my shield, my hiding-place;  
My hope is in Thy word.

- 6 Thou hast inclined this heart of mine  
Thy statutes to fulfill;  
And thus till mortal life shall end  
Would I perform Thy will.

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*Watchfulness.*

S. M.

**Y**E servants of the Lord,  
Each in his office wait,  
Observant of His heavenly word,  
And watchful at his gate.

- 2 Let all your lamps be bright,  
And trim the golden flame;  
Gird up your loins, as in His sight,  
For awful is His name.
- 3 Watch ! 'tis your Lord's command,  
And while we speak He's near;  
Mark the first signal of His hand,  
And ready all appear.
- 4 Oh happy servant he  
In such a posture found !  
He shall his Lord with rapture see,  
And be with honor crowned.

344

L. M.

**A**WAKE, our souls, away, our fears,  
Let every trembling thought be gone;  
Awake, and run the heavenly race,  
And put a cheerful courage on.

- 2 True, 'tis a strait and thorny road,  
And mortal spirits tire and faint;  
But they forget the mighty God,  
Who feeds the strength of every saint.
- 3 The mighty God, whose matchless power  
Is ever new, and ever young,  
Shall firm endure while endless years  
Their everlasting circles run.
- 4 From Thee, the ever-flowing spring,  
Our souls shall drink a fresh supply;

While such as trust their native strength  
Shall melt away, and droop, and die.

- 5 Swift as an eagle cuts the air,  
We'll mount aloft to Thine abode;  
On wings of love our souls shall fly,  
Nor tire amid the heavenly road.

## 345

S. M.

**S**OLDIERS of Christ, arise,  
And gird your armor on,  
Strong in the strength which God supplies  
Through His eternal Son.

- 2 Strong in the Lord of hosts,  
And in His mighty power,  
The man who in the Saviour trusts  
Is more than conqueror.
- 3 Stand, then, in His great might,  
With all His strength endued,  
And take, to arm you for the fight,  
The panoply of God,—
- 4 That, having all things done,  
And all your conflicts past,  
You may o'ercome through Christ alone,  
And stand complete at last.
- 5 From strength to strength go on;  
Wrestle, and fight, and pray;  
Tread all the powers of darkness down,  
And win the well-fought day.
- 6 Still let the Spirit cry,  
In all His soldiers, "Come,"  
Till Christ the Lord descends from high,  
And takes the conquerors home.

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S. M.

**M**Y soul, be on thy guard;  
Ten thousand foes arise;  
The hosts of sin are pressing hard  
To draw Thee from the skies.

- 2 Oh watch, and fight, and pray;  
The battle ne'er give o'er;  
Renew it boldly every day,  
And help divine implore.
- 3 Ne'er think the victory won,  
Nor lay thine armor down:  
Thine arduous work will not be done  
Till thou obtain thy crown.
- 4 Fight on, my soul, till death  
Shall bring thee to thy God;  
He'll take thee, at thy parting breath,  
To His divine abode.

## THIRSTING AFTER GOD.

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*Faith.*

**R**OCK of Ages, cleft for me,  
Let me hide myself in Thee;  
Let the water and the blood,  
From Thy side, a healing flood,  
Be of sin the double cure—  
Save from wrath, and make me pure.

- 2 Should my tears for ever flow,  
Should my zeal no languor know,  
This for sin could not atone;  
Thou must save, and Thou alone;  
In my hand no price I bring,  
Simply to Thy cross I cling.

- 3 While I draw this fleeting breath,  
When mine eyelids close in death,  
When I rise to worlds unknown,  
And behold Thee on Thy throne,  
Rock of Ages, cleft for me,  
Let me hide myself in Thee.

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7s.

**J**ESUS, Saviour of my soul,  
Let me to Thy bosom fly,  
While the waves of trouble roll—  
While the tempest still is high:  
Hide me, oh my Saviour! hide,  
Till the storm of life is past;  
Safe into the haven guide:  
Oh receive my soul at last!

- 2 Other refuge have I none—  
Helpless clings my soul to Thee:  
Leave, ah! leave me not alone,  
Still support and comfort me:  
All my trust on Thee is stayed,  
All my help from Thee I bring;  
Cover my defenceless head  
With the shadow of Thy wing.

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C. M.

**O**H for a closer walk with God,—  
A calm and heavenly frame,  
And light to shine upon the road  
That leads me to the Lamb!

- 2 Where is the blessedness I knew  
When first I saw the Lord?  
Where is the soul-refreshing view  
Of Jesus and His word?
- 3 What peaceful hours I once enjoyed!  
How sweet their memory still!



But they have left an aching void  
The world can never fill.

4 Return, O holy Dove! return,  
Sweet messenger of rest;  
I hate the sins that made Thee mourn,  
And drove Thee from my breast.

5 The dearest idol I have known,  
Whate'er that idol be;  
Help me to tear it from Thy throne,  
And worship only Thee.

6 So shall my walk be close with God,  
Calm and serene my frame;  
And purer light shall mark the road  
That leads me to the Lamb.

350

C. M.

**O**H that I knew the secret place  
Where I might find my God!  
I'd spread my wants before His face,  
And pour my woes abroad.

2 I'd tell Him how my sins arise,  
What sorrows I sustain;  
How grace decays and comfort dies,  
And leaves my heart in pain.

3 He knows what arguments I'd take  
To wrestle with my God:  
I'd plead for His own mercy's sake—  
I'd plead my Saviour's blood.

4 My God will pity my complaints,  
And drive my foes away;  
He knows the meaning of His saints  
When they in sorrow pray.

- 5 Arise, my soul! from deep distress,  
 And banish every fear;  
 He calls Thee to His throne of grace,  
 To spread thy sorrows there.

## 351

L. M.

- SO let our lips and lives express  
 The holy gospel we profess;  
 So let our works and virtues shine,  
 To prove the doctrine all divine!
- 2 Thus shall we best proclaim abroad  
 The honors of our Saviour God,  
 When the salvation reigns within,  
 And grace subdues the power of sin.
- 3 Our flesh and sense must be denied,  
 Passion and envy, lust and pride;  
 While justice, temperance, truth and love  
 Our inward piety approve.
- 4 Religion bears our spirits up,  
 Whilst we expect that blessed hope,  
 The bright appearance of the Lord,  
 And faith stands leaning on His word.

## 352

6s &amp; 4s.

- NEARER, my God, to Thee,  
 Nearer to Thee!  
 E'en though it be a cross  
 That raiseth me;  
 Still all my song shall be,  
 Nearer, my God, to Thee,—  
 Nearer to Thee!
- 2 Though, like the wanderer,  
 The sun gone down,  
 Darkness be over me,  
 My rest a stone;

Yet in my dreams I'd be  
Nearer, my God, to Thee,—  
Nearer to Thee!

3 There let the way appear  
Steps unto heaven;  
All that Thou sendest me,  
In mercy given;  
Angels to beckon me  
Nearer, my God, to Thee,—  
Nearer to Thee!

4 Then with my waking thoughts,  
Bright with Thy praise,  
Out of my stony griefs,  
Bethel I'll raise;  
So y my woes to be  
Nearer, my God, to Thee,—  
Nearer to Thee!

5 Or if on joyful wing,  
Cleaving the sky,  
Sun, moon, and stars forgot,  
Upward I fly,  
Still all my song shall be,—  
Nearer, my God, to Thee,  
Nearer to Thee.

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Psalm xlii.

**A**S pants the hart for cooling streams  
When heated in the chase;  
So longs my soul, O God, for Thee,  
And Thy refreshing grace.

2 For Thee, my God, the living God,  
My thirsty soul doth pine;  
Oh when shall I behold Thy face,  
Thou Majesty divine?

- 3 Why restless, why cast down, my soul?  
 Trust God; and He'll employ  
 His aid for thee, and change these sighs  
 To thankful hymns of joy.
- 4 Why restless, why cast down, my soul?  
 Hope still; and thou shalt sing  
 The praise of Him who is Thy God,  
 Thy health's eternal spring.

LUKEWARM AND BACKSLIDING.

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Psalm vi.

S. M.

- I**N mercy, not in wrath,  
 Rebuke me, gracious God!  
 Lest, if Thy whole displeasure rise  
 I sink beneath Thy rod.
- 2 Touched by Thy quickening power,  
 My load of guilt I feel;  
 The wounds Thy Spirit hath unclosed  
 Oh let that Spirit heal.
- 3 In trouble and in gloom  
 Must I for ever mourn?  
 And wilt Thou not, at length, O God,  
 In pitying love return?
- 4 Oh come, ere life expire,  
 Send down Thy power to save;  
 For who shall sing Thy Name in death,  
 Or praise Thee in the grave?
- 5 Why should I doubt Thy grace,  
 Or yield to dread despair?  
 Thou wilt fulfill Thy promised word,  
 And grant me all my prayer.

355

L. M.

OH for a glance of heavenly day,  
To take this stubborn heart away,  
And thaw with beams of love divine  
This heart, this frozen heart of mine!

- 2 The rocks can rend; the earth can quake;  
The seas can roar; the mountains shake;  
Of feeling all things show some sign,  
But this unfeeling heart of mine.
- 3 To hear the sorrows Thou hast felt,  
O Lord, an adamant might melt;  
But I can read each moving line,  
And nothing moves this heart of mine.
- 4 Thy judgments too, which devils fear,  
(Amazing thought!) unmoved I hear;  
Goodness and wrath in vain combine  
To stir this stupid heart of mine.
- 5 Eternal Spirit! mighty God!  
Apply to me the Saviour's blood;  
'Tis His rich blood, and His alone,  
Can move and melt this heart of stone.

356

C. M.

HOW oft, alas! this wretched heart  
Has wandered from the Lord!  
How oft my roving thoughts depart,  
Forgetful of His word!

- 2 Yet sovereign mercy calls, "Return;"  
Dear Lord, and may I come?  
My vile ingratitude I mourn;  
Oh take the wanderer home.
- 3 And canst Thou, wilt Thou yet forgive  
And bid my crimes remove?

And shall a pardoned rebel live  
To speak Thy wondrous love?

4 Almighty grace, Thy healing power,  
How glorious, how divine,  
That can to life and bliss restore  
So vile a heart as mine!

5 Thy pardoning love, so free, so sweet,  
Dear Saviour, I adore:  
Oh keep me at Thy sacred feet,  
And let me rove no more.

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C. M.

SWEET was the time when first I felt  
The Saviour's pardoning blood,  
Applied to cleanse my soul from guilt,  
And bring me home to God.

2 Soon as the morn the light revealed,  
His praises tuned my tongue;  
And when the evening shades prevailed,  
His love was all my song.

3 In prayer my soul drew near the Lord,  
And saw His glory shine;  
And when I read His holy word,  
I called each promise mine.

4 Now when the evening shade prevails,  
My soul in darkness mourns;  
And when the morn the light reveals,  
No light to me returns.

5 Now Satan threatens to prevail,  
And make my soul his prey;  
Yet, Lord, Thy mercies cannot fail;  
Oh come without delay!

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C. M.

- O**H for a heart to praise my God!—  
A heart from sin set free,  
A heart that's sprinkled with the blood  
So freely shed for me,—
- 2 A heart resigned, submissive, meek—  
My dear Redeemer's throne,  
Where only Christ is heard to speak,  
Where Jesus reigns alone.
- 3 Oh for a lowly, contrite heart,  
Believing, true, and clean ;  
Which neither life nor death can part  
From Him that dwells within !
- 4 A heart in every thought renewed,  
And full of love divine ;  
Perfect, and right, and pure, and good—  
A copy, Lord, of Thine.
- 5 Thy nature, gracious Lord, impart ;  
Come quickly from above ;  
Write Thy new name upon my heart,  
Thy new, best name of Love.

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L. M.

- S**TAY, Thou insulted Spirit ! stay,  
Though I have done Thee such despise ;  
Nor cast the sinner quite away,  
Nor take Thine everlasting flight.
- 2 Though I have steeled my stubborn heart,  
And oft shook off my guilty fears ;  
And vexed and urged Thee to depart,  
For many long rebellious years,—

- 3 Though I have most unfaithful been  
 Of all who e'er Thy grace received,  
 Ten thousand times Thy goodness seen,  
 Ten thousand times Thy goodness grieved.
- 4 Yet oh ! the chief of sinners spare  
 In honor of my great High Priest :  
 Nor in Thy righteous anger swear  
 T' exclude me from Thy people's rest.
- 5 This only woe I deprecate,  
 This only plague I pray remove,  
 Nor leave me in my lost estate,  
 Nor curse me with this want of love.
- 6 E'en now my weary soul release,  
 Upraise me with Thy gracious hand,  
 And guide into Thy perfect peace,  
 And bring me to the promised land.

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S. M.

- O** THOU, whose mercy hears  
 Contrition's humble sigh ;  
 Whose hand, indulgent, wipes the tears  
 From sorrow's weeping eye !—
- 2 See ! at Thy throne of grace,  
 A wretched wanderer mourn ;  
 Hast Thou not bid me seek Thy face ?  
 Hast Thou not said, Return ?
- 3 Absent from Thee, my light,  
 Without one cheering ray,  
 Through dangers, fears, and gloomy night,  
 How desolate my way !
- 4 Oh shine upon my heart,  
 With beams of mercy shine ;  
 And let Thy healing voice impart  
 A taste of joys divine.



## REJOICING IN DELIVERANCE.

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Psalm lxiii.

L. M.

- A** WAKE, my soul in joyful lays,  
And sing thy great Redeemer's praise;  
He justly claims a song from me;  
His loving-kindness, oh how free!
- 2 He saw me ruined in the fall,  
Yet loved me notwithstanding all;  
He saved me from my lost estate;  
His loving-kindness, oh how great!
- 3 Though numerous hosts of mighty foes,  
Though earth and hell my way oppose,  
He safely leads my soul along;  
His loving-kindness, oh how strong!
- 4 When trouble, like a gloomy cloud,  
Has gathered thick and thundered loud,  
He near my soul has always stood;  
His loving-kindness, oh how good!
- 5 Often I feel my sinful heart  
Prone from my Jesus to depart;  
But though I have Him oft forgot,  
His loving-kindness changes not.
- 6 Soon shall I pass the gloomy vale,  
Soon all my mortal powers must fail;  
Oh may my last expiring breath  
His loving-kindness sing in death.
- 7 Then let me mount and soar away  
To the bright world of endless day;  
And sing with raptures and surprise,  
His loving-kindness in the skies.

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SAVIOUR, source of every blessing,  
Tune my heart to grateful lays;  
Streams of mercy, never ceasing,  
Call for ceaseless songs of praise.

- 2 Teach me some melodious measure,  
Sung by raptured saints above;  
Fill my soul with sacred pleasure,  
While I sing redeeming love.
- 3 Thou didst seek me when a stranger,  
Wandering from the fold of God;  
Thou, to save my soul from danger,  
Didst redeem me with Thy blood.
- 4 By Thy hand restored, defended,  
Safe through life thus far I've come;  
Safe, O Lord, when life is ended,  
Bring me to my heavenly home.

## IN PROSPECT OF HEAVEN.

## 363

FROM this world's joys and senseless  
mirth,  
Oh come, my soul! in haste retire;  
Assume the grandeur of thy birth,  
And to thy native heaven aspire.

- 2 'Tis heaven alone can make thee blest,  
Can every wish and want supply;  
Thy joy, thy crown, thy endless rest,  
Are all above the lofty sky.
- 3 Eternal mansions! bright array!  
Oh blest exchange! transporting thought!  
Free from th' approaches of decay  
Or the least shadow of a spot.

- 4 There shall mortality no more  
Its wide-extended empire boast;  
Forgotten all its dreadful power,  
In life's unbounded ocean lost.
- 5 There dwells the sovereign Lord of all,  
The God that all the worlds adore;  
With whom is bliss that cannot pall,  
And joys that last for evermore.

## 364

C. M.

- Y**E golden lamps of heaven, farewell,  
With all your feeble light;  
Farewell, thou ever-changing moon,  
Pale empress of the night.
- 2 And thou, refulgent orb of day,  
In brighter flames arrayed,  
My soul, that springs beyond thy sphere,  
No more demands thy aid.
- 3 Ye stars are but the shining dust  
Of my divine abode—  
The pavement of those heavenly courts,  
Where I shall see my God.
- 4 The Father of eternal light  
Shall there His beams display;  
Nor shall one moment's darkness mix  
With that unvaried day.
- 5 No more the drops of piercing grief  
Shall swell into my eyes;  
No more the noon-day sun decline,  
Amid those brighter skies.
- 6 There all the millions of His saints  
Shall in one song unite;  
And each the bliss of all shall share,  
With infinite delight.

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7s.

LET me go, the day is breaking;  
Dear companions, let me go;  
We have spent a night of waking  
In the wilderness below;  
Upward now I bend my way;  
Part we here at break of day.

2 Let me go; I may not tarry  
Wrestling thus with doubts and fears;  
Angels wait, my soul to carry  
Where my risen Lord appears;  
Friends and kindred, weep not so;  
If ye love me, let me go.

3 We have travelled long together,  
Hand in hand, and heart in heart,  
Both through fair and stormy weather—  
And 'tis hard—'tis hard to part:  
While I sigh "Farewell" to you,  
Answer, one and all, "Adieu."

4 'Tis not darkness gathering round me  
That withdraws me from your sight;  
Walls of flesh no more can bound me;  
But, translated into light,  
Like the lark on mounting wing,  
Though unseen, you hear me sing.

5 Heaven's broad day hath o'er me broken  
Far beyond earth's span of sky:  
Am I dead? Nay, by this token  
Know that I have ceased to die:  
Would you solve the mystery?  
Come up hither—come and see.

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7s.

VITAL spark of heavenly flame!  
Quit, oh quit this mortal frame!  
Trembling, hoping, lingering, flying,  
Oh the pain—the bliss of dying!

Cease, fond nature! cease thy strife,  
And let me languish into life!

- 2 Hark, they whisper—angels say,  
“Sister spirit, come away!”  
What is this absorbs me quite,  
Steals my senses, shuts my sight,  
Drowns my spirit, draws my breath?  
Tell me, my soul—can this be death?

The world recedes!—it disappears!  
Heaven opens on my eyes!—my ears  
With sounds seraphic ring!  
Lend, lend your wings! I mount! I fly!  
Oh grave! where is thy victory?  
Oh death! where is thy sting?

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L. M.

AS when the weary traveler gains  
The height of some commanding hill,  
His heart revives, if o'er the plains  
He sees his home, though distant still,—

- 2 So, when the Christian pilgrim views  
By faith his mansion in the skies,  
The sight his fainting strength renews,  
And wings his speed to reach the prize
- 3 The hope of heaven his spirit cheers;  
No more he grieves for sorrows past;  
Nor any future conflict fears,  
So he may safe arrive at last.
- 4 O Lord, on Thee our hopes we stay,  
To lead us on to Thine abode;  
Assured Thy love will far o'erpay  
The hardest labors of the road.

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L. M.

“WE’VE no abiding city here :”  
This may distress the worldly  
mind ;  
But should not cost a saint a tear,  
Who hopes a better rest to find.

2 “We’ve no abiding city here :”  
Sad truth, were this to be our home ;  
But let this thought our spirits cheer,  
“We seek a city yet to come.”

3 “We’ve no abiding city here :”  
Then let us live as pilgrims do ;  
Let not the world our rest appear ;  
But let us haste from all below.

4 “We’ve no abiding city here,”  
We seek a city out of sight :  
Zion its name,—the Lord is there,  
It shines with everlasting light.

5 Oh sweet abode of peace and love,  
Where pilgrims freed from toil are blest !  
Had I the pinions of the dove,  
I’d flee to Thee, and be at rest.

6 But hush, my soul, nor dare repine !  
The time my God appoints is best :  
While here to do His will be mine ;  
And His to fix my time of rest.

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*Following Christ.*

L. M.

JESUS, my all, to heaven is gone,  
He whom I placed my hopes upon ;  
His track I see—and I’ll pursue  
The narrow way, till Him I view,—

- 2 The way the holy prophets went,  
The road that leads from banishment;  
The King's highway of holiness;  
I'll go, for all His paths are peace.
- 3 This is the way I long have sought,  
And mourned because I found it not;  
My grief and burden long have been,  
Because I could not cease from sin.
- 4 The more I strove against its power,  
I sinned and stumbled but the more;  
Till late I heard my Saviour say,  
"Come hither, soul, for I'm the way."
- 5 Lo, glad I come, and Thou, dear Lamb,  
Shalt take me to Thee as I am:  
Nothing but sin I Thee can give,  
Nothing but love do I receive.
- 6 I'll tell to all poor sinners round,  
What a dear Saviour I have found;  
I'll point to Thy redeeming blood,  
And say, "Behold the way to God."

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P. M., 8s &amp; 6s.

**H**OW happy is the pilgrim's lot,  
How free from every anxious thought,  
From worldly hope and fear!  
Confined to neither court nor cell,  
His soul disdains on earth to dwell,  
He only sojourns here.

- 2 This happiness in part is mine;  
Already saved from low design,  
From every creature-love;  
Blessed with the scorn of finite good—  
My soul is lightened of its load,  
And seeks the things above.

- 3 Though I no foot of land possess,  
 Nor cottage in this wilderness,  
     A poor wayfaring man :  
 I lodge awhile in tents below,  
 Or gladly wander to and fro  
     Till I my Canaan gain.
- 4 Nothing on earth I call my own ;  
 A stranger to the world unknown,  
     I all their goods despise :  
 I trample on their whole delight,  
 And seek a city out of sight—  
     A city in the skies.
- 5 There is my house and portion fair,  
 My treasure and my heart are there,  
     And my abiding home ;  
 For me my elder brethren stay,  
 And angels beckon me away,  
     And Jesus bids me come !
- 6 I come, Thy servant, Lord, replies,  
 I come, to meet Thee in the skies,  
     And claim my heavenly rest !  
 Now let the pilgrim's journey end ;  
 Now, oh my Saviour, Brother, Friend,  
     Receive me to thy breast !

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C. M.

ON Jordan's stormy banks I stand,  
 And cast a wishful eye  
 To Canaan's fair and happy land,  
 Where my possessions lie.

- 2 Oh the transporting, rapturous scene,  
 That rises to my sight !  
 Sweet fields arrayed in living green,  
 And rivers of delight !



- 3 There generous fruits, that never fail,  
On trees immortal grow ;  
There rocks and hills, and brooks and vales  
With milk and honey flow.
- 4 All o'er those wide extended plains  
Shines one eternal day ;  
There God the Son for ever reigns,  
And scatters night away.
- 5 No chilling winds nor poisonous breath  
Can reach that healthful shore ;  
Sickness and sorrow, pain and death,  
Are felt and feared no more.
- 6 When shall I reach that happy place,  
And be for ever blest ?  
When shall I see my Father's face,  
And in His bosom rest ?
- 7 Filled with delight, my raptured soul  
Would here no longer stay ;  
Though Jordan's waves around me roll,  
Fearless I'd launch away.

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L. M.

**W**HILE on the verge of life I stand,  
And view the scene on either hand,  
My spirit struggles with my clay,  
And longs to wing its flight away.

- 2 Where Jesus dwells my soul would be,  
And faints my much-loved Lord to see :  
Earth, twine no more about my heart !  
For 'tis far better to depart.
- 3 Come, ye angelic envoys ! come,  
And lead the willing pilgrim home ;  
Ye know the way to Jesus' throne,—  
Source of my joys, and of your own.

- 4 That blissful interview, how sweet!  
 To fall transported at His feet!  
 Raised in His arms, to view His face,  
 Through the full beamings of His grace!
- 5 As with a seraph's voice to sing!  
 To fly as on a cherub's wing!  
 Performing, with unwearied hands,  
 The present Saviour's high commands.
- 6 Yet, with these prospects full in sight,  
 We'll wait Thy signal for the flight;  
 For, while Thy service we pursue,  
 We find a heaven in all we do.

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11s &amp; 5s.

- M**ID scenes of confusion and creature  
 complaints,  
 How sweet to my soul is communion with  
 saints!  
 To find at the banquet of mercy there's  
 room,  
 And feel in the presence of Jesus at home!  
 Home! home! sweet, sweet home!  
 Prepare me, dear Saviour, for glory, my  
 home.
- 2 Sweet bonds, that unite all the children of  
 peace!  
 And thrice precious Jesus, whose love can-  
 not cease!  
 Though oft from Thy presence in sadness  
 I roam,  
 I long to behold Thee, in glory at home.  
 Home, &c.
- 3 I sigh from this body of sin to be free,  
 Which hinders my joy and communion  
 with Thee;

Though now my temptations like billows  
 may foam,  
 All, all will be peace, when I'm with Thee  
 at home.  
 Home, &c.

4 While here in the valley of conflict I stay,  
 Oh give me submission and strength as my  
 day;  
 In all my afflictions to Thee would I come,  
 Rejoicing in hope of my glorious home.  
 Home, &c.

5 Whate'er Thou deniest, oh give me Thy  
 grace,  
 The Spirit's sure witness, and smiles of  
 thy face;  
 Indulge me with patience to wait at Thy  
 throne,  
 And find even now a sweet foretaste of  
 home.  
 Home, &c.

6 I long, dearest Lord, in Thy beauties to  
 shine,  
 No more as an exile in sorrow to pine,  
 And in Thy dear image arise from the  
 tomb,  
 With glorified millions to praise Thee at  
 home.  
 Home, &c.

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10s.

JOYFULLY, joyfully onward I move,  
 Bound to the land of bright spirits  
 above;  
 Angelic choristers, sing as I come—  
 Joyfully, joyfully haste to thy home!

Soon with my pilgrimage ended below,  
 Home to the land of bright spirits I go;  
 Pilgrim and stranger no more shall I roam:  
 Joyfully, joyfully resting at home.

- 2 Friends, fondly cherished, have passed on  
     before;  
 Waiting, they watch me approaching the  
     shore;  
 Singing, to cheer me through death's chill-  
     ing gloom:  
 Joyfully, joyfully haste to thy home.  
 Sounds of sweet melody fall on my ear  
 Harps of the blessed, your voices I hear!  
 Rings with the harmony heaven's high  
     dome—  
 Joyfully, joyfully haste to thy home.

- 3 Death, with thy weapons of war lay me  
     low,  
 Strike, king of terrors! I fear not the blow;  
 Jesus hath broken the bars of the tomb!  
 Joyfully, joyfully will I go home.  
 Bright will the morn of eternity dawn,  
 Death shall be banished, his sceptre be  
     gone;  
 Joyfully, then, shall I witness his doom,  
 Joyfully, joyfully safely at home.

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7s &amp; 6s.

**T**HE leaves around me falling  
 Are preaching of decay;  
 The hollow winds are calling,  
     "Come, pilgrim, come away!"  
 The day in night declining  
     Says I, too, must decline;  
 The year its bloom resigning—  
     Its lot foreshadows mine!

- 2 The light my path surrounding,  
 The loves to which I cling,  
 The hopes within me bounding,  
 The joys that round me wing—  
 All, all, like stars at even,  
 Just gleam and shoot away,  
 Pass on before to heaven,  
 And chide at my delay.
- 3 The friends gone there before me,  
 Are calling from on high,  
 And happy angels o'er me  
 Tempt sweetly to the sky;  
 "Why wait," they say, "and wither,  
 'Mid scenes of death and sin?  
 Oh rise to glory hither,  
 And find true life begin!"
- 4 I hear the invitation,  
 And fain would rise and come,  
 A sinner to salvation,  
 An exile to his home;  
 And while I here must linger,  
 Thus, thus, let all I see  
 Point on with faithful finger  
 To heaven, O Lord, and Thee!

## BLESSEDNESS OF THE RIGHTEOUS.

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Psalm i.

S. M.

THE man is ever blest  
 Who shuns the sinners' ways;  
 Amongst their councils never stands,  
 Nor takes the scorner's place.

- 2 But makes the law of God  
 His study and delight,  
 Amidst the labors of the day,  
 And watches of the night.

- 3 He like a tree shall thrive,  
With waters near the root;  
Fresh as the leaf, His name shall live;  
His works are heavenly fruit.
- 4 Not so th' ungodly race,  
They no such blessings find;  
Their hopes shall flee like empty chaff  
Before the driving wind.
- 5 How will they bear to stand  
Before that judgment-seat,  
Where all the saints at Christ's right hand  
In full assembly meet?
- 6 He knows and He approves  
The way the righteous go:  
But sinners and their works shall meet  
A dreadful overthrow.

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S. M.

- W**HEN gloomy thoughts and fears  
The trembling heart invade,  
And all the face of nature wears  
A universal shade,—
- 2 Religion can assuage  
The tempest of the soul;  
And every fear shall love its rage  
At her divine control.
- 3 Through life's bewildered way  
Her hand unerring leads;  
And o'er the path her heavenly ray  
A cheering lustre sheds.
- 4 When reason, tired and blind,  
Sinks helpless and afraid,  
Thou blest supporter of the mind,  
How powerful is thine aid.

- 5 Oh let me feel thy power,  
And find thy sweet relief,  
To brighten every gloomy hour,  
And soften every grief.

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C. M.

**O**H happy soul that lives on high  
While men lie groveling here,  
His hopes are fixed above the sky,  
And faith forbids his fear.

- 2 His conscience knows no secret stings,  
While grace and joy combine  
To form a life, whose holy springs  
Are hidden and divine.
- 3 He waits in secret on his God ;  
His God in secret sees.  
Let earth be all in arms abroad,  
He dwells in heavenly peace.
- 4 His pleasure rise from things unseen,  
Beyond this world and time,  
Where neither eyes nor ears have been,  
Nor thoughts of mortals climb.
- 5 He looks to heaven's eternal hill,  
To meet that glorious day,  
When Christ His promise shall fulfill  
And call his soul away.

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S. M.

**W**HAT cheering words are these ?  
Their sweetness who can tell ?  
In time, and to eternal days  
" 'Tis with the righteous well."

- 2 In every state secure,  
Kept as Jehovah's eye,

'Tis well with them while life endures,  
And well when called to die:

3 Well, when they see His face,  
Or sink amid the flood;  
Well, in affliction's thorny maze,  
Or on the mount with God.

4 'Tis well, when joys arise;  
'Tis well, when sorrows flow;  
'Tis well, when darkness veils the skies,  
And strong temptations grow.

5 'Tis well, when Jesus calls,  
"From earth and sin arise,  
To join the hosts of ransomed souls,  
Made to salvation wise!"

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C. M.

**H**APPY the man whose wishes climb  
To mansions in the skies!  
He looks on all the joys of time  
With undesiring eyes.

2 In vain soft pleasure spreads her charms,  
And throws her silken chain;  
And wealth and fame invite His arms,  
And tempt His ear in vain.

3 He knows that all these glittering things  
Must yield to sure decay;  
And sees on time's extended wings  
How swift they flee away!

4 To things unseen by mortal eyes,  
A beam of sacred light  
Directs His view; His prospects rise  
All permanent and bright.



- 5 His hopes are fixed on joys to come :  
 Those blissful scenes on high  
 Shall flourish in immortal bloom,  
 When time and nature die.

## IN RELATION TO THE CHURCH.

## CONSECRATION.

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H. M

- CHRIST is our Corner-stone ;  
 On Him alone we build ;  
 With His true saints alone  
 The courts of heaven are filled :  
 On His great love      |      Of present grace  
 Our hopes we place,      |      And joys above.
- 2 Oh, then, with hymns of praise  
 These hallowed courts shall ring !  
 Our voices we will raise,  
 The Three in One to sing ;  
 And thus proclaim      |      Both loud and long,  
 In joyful song,      |      That glorious Name.
- 3 Here, gracious God, do Thou  
 For evermore draw nigh ;  
 Accept each faithful vow,  
 And mark each suppliant sigh :  
 In copious shower,      |      Each holy day,  
 On all who pray,      |      Thy blessings pour.
- 4 Here may we gain from heaven  
 The grace which we implore,  
 And may that grace, once given,  
 Be with us evermore,—  
 Until that day      |      To endless rest  
 When all the blest      |      Are called away.

## DEDICATION.

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L. M.

HERE, in Thy name, eternal God,  
We build this earthly house for Thee ;  
Oh choose it for Thy fixed abode,  
And guard it from all error free.

- 2 Here, when Thy people seek Thy face,  
And dying sinners pray to live,  
Hear Thou in heaven, Thy dwelling-place,  
And when Thou hearest, Lord, forgive.
- 3 Here, when Thy messengers proclaim  
The blessed gospel of Thy Son,  
Still by the power of His great name  
Be mighty signs and wonders done.
- 4 When children's voices raise the song,  
Hosanna to their heavenly King,  
Let heaven, with earth, the strain prolong ;  
Hosanna! let the angels sing.
- 5 But will, indeed, Jehovah deign  
Here to abide, no transient guest?  
Here will our great Redeemer reign,  
And here the Holy Spirit rest?
- 6 Thy glory never hence depart ;  
Yet choose not, Lord, this house alone ;  
Thy kingdom come to every heart ;  
In every bosom fix Thy throne.

## CHURCH OFFICERS.

383 *At a Choice of Church Officers.* L. M.

OH Sion's King, we suppliant bow,  
And hail the grace Thy church enjoys ;  
Her holy officers are Thine,  
With all the gifts Thy love employs.

- 2 Up to Thy throne we lift our eyes,  
 For blessings to attend our choice,  
 Of such whose generous, prudent zeal  
 Shall make Thy favored ways rejoice.
- 3 When pastor, saints, and poor they serve,  
 May their own hearts with grace be  
 crowned;  
 While patience, sympathy and joy  
 Adorn, and through their lives abound.
- 4 By purest love to Christ and truth,  
 Oh may they win a good degree  
 Of boldness in the Christian faith,  
 And meet the smile of Thine and Thee.
- 5 And when the work to them assigned,  
 The work of love is fully done,  
 Call them, from serving tables here,  
 To sit around Thy glorious throne.

## NEW YEAR.

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7s.

**W**HILE with ceaseless course the sun  
 Hasted through the former year,  
 Many souls their race have run,  
 Never more to meet us here:  
 Fixed in an eternal state,  
 They have done with all below:  
 We a little longer wait—  
 But how little, none can know.

- 2 As the wingéd arrow flies  
 Speedily the mark to find;  
 As the lightning from the skies  
 Darts and leaves no trace behind—  
 Swiftly thus our fleeting days  
 Bear us down life's rapid stream;  
 Lord, our expectations raise—  
 All below is but a dream.

- 3 Thanks for mercies past receive ;  
Pardon of our sins renew ;  
Teach us henceforth how to live  
With eternity in view :  
Bless Thy word to young and old ;  
Fill us with a Saviour's love ;  
And when life's short tale is told,  
May we reign with Thee above.

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L. M.

- G**REAT GOD! we sing that mighty  
hand  
By which supported still we stand ;  
The opening year Thy mercy shows—  
Let mercy crown it till it close.
- 2 By day, at night, at home, abroad,  
Still we are guarded by our God ;  
By His incessant bounty fed,  
By His unerring counsel led.
- 3 With grateful hearts the past we own ;  
The future, all to us unknown,  
We to Thy guardian care commit,  
And, peaceful, leave before Thy feet.
- 4 In scenes exalted or depressed,  
Be Thou our joy, and Thou our rest ;  
Thy goodness all our hopes shall raise,  
Adored through all our changing days.
- 5 When death shall interrupt our songs,  
And seal in silence mortal tongues,  
Our helper, God, in whom we trust,  
In better worlds our souls shall boast.

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H. M.

**T**HE Lord of earth and sky,  
The God of ages praise !  
Who reigns enthroned on high,  
Ancient of endless days ;

- Who lengthens out our trial here,  
And spares us yet another year.
- 2 Barren and withered trees,  
We cumbered long the ground ;  
No fruit of holiness  
On our dead souls was found ;  
Yet doth He us in mercy spare  
Another and another year.
- 3 When justice gave the word  
To cut the fig-tree down,  
The pity of our Lord  
Cried, " Let it still alone :"  
The Father mild inclines His ear,  
And spares us yet another year.
- 4 Jesus, Thy speaking blood  
From God obtained the grace,  
Who therefore hath bestowed  
On us a longer space :  
Thou didst in our behalf appear,  
And lo, we see another year !
- 5 Then dig about our root,  
Break up our fallow ground,  
And let our gracious fruit  
To Thy great praise abound ;  
Oh let us all Thy praise declare,  
And fruit unto perfection bear.

## ORDAINING INSTRUMENTALITIES.

## MISSIONS.

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C. M.

**P**ITY the nations, O our God !  
Constrain the earth to come ;  
Send Thy victorious word abroad,  
And bring the strangers home.

- 2 We long to see Thy churches full,  
That all Thy faithful race  
May, with one voice and heart and soul,  
Sing Thy redeeming grace.

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C. M.

- L**ORD, send Thy word, and let it fly,  
Armed with Thy Spirit's power,  
Ten thousand shall confess its sway,  
And bless the saving hour.
- 2 Beneath the influence of Thy grace,  
The barren wastes shall rise,  
With sudden greens and fruits arrayed,  
A blooming paradise.
- 3 True holiness shall strike its root  
In each regenerate heart ;  
Shall in a growth divine arise,  
And heavenly fruits impart.
- 4 Peace, with her olives crowned, shall  
stretch  
Her wings from shore to shore ;  
No trump shall rouse the rage of war,  
Nor murderous cannon roar.
- 5 Lord, for those days we wait—those days  
Are in Thy word foretold ;  
Fly swifter, sun and stars, and bring  
This promised age of gold !
- 6 Amen, with joy divine, let earth's  
Unnumbered myriads cry ;  
Amen, with joy divine, let heaven's  
Unnumbered choirs reply.

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FROM Greenland's icy mountains,  
From India's coral strand,  
Where Afric's sunny fountains  
Roll down their golden sand,—  
From many an ancient river,  
From many a palmy plain,  
They call us to deliver  
Their land from error's chain.

2 What though the spicy breezes  
Blow soft o'er Ceylon's isle;  
Though every prospect pleases,  
And only man is vile;  
In vain with lavish kindness  
The gifts of God are strown;  
The heathen, in his blindness,  
Bows down to wood and stone!

3 Shall we, whose souls are lighted  
With wisdom from on high,—  
Shall we, to men benighted,  
The lamp of life deny?  
Salvation, oh salvation!  
The joyful sound proclaim,  
Till each remotest nation  
Has learned Messiah's name.

4 Waft, waft, ye winds, His story,  
And you, ye waters, roll,  
Till, like a sea of glory,  
It spreads from pole to pole;  
Till o'er our ransomed nature  
The Lamb for sinners slain,  
Redeemer, King, Creator,  
In bliss returns to reign!

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**M**EN of God, go take your stations;  
Darkness reigns throughout the earth;  
Go proclaim among the nations,  
Joyful news of heavenly birth:  
Bear the tidings  
Of the Saviour's matchless worth.

- 2 Of His gospel not ashamed,  
As "the power of God to save;"  
Go where Christ was never named;  
Publish freedom to the slave!  
Blessed freedom!  
Such as Zion's children have.
- 3 What though earth and hell, united,  
Should oppose the Saviour's plan?  
Plead His cause, nor be affrighted:  
Fear ye not the face of man:  
Vain their tumult;  
Hurt His work they never can.
- 4 When exposed to fearful dangers,  
Jesus will His own defend,  
Borne afar 'midst foes and strangers,  
Jesus will appear your friend:  
And His presence  
Shall be with you to the end.

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L. M.

**I**NDULGENT God, to Thee we pray  
Be with us on this solemn day;  
Smile on our souls, our plans approve,  
By which we seek to spread Thy love.

- 2 Let party prejudice be gone,  
And love unite our hearts in one;  
Let all we have and are, combine  
To aid this glorious work of Thine.



- 3 Point us to men of upright mind,  
Devoted, diligent and kind;  
With grace be all their hearts endowed,  
And light to guide them in the road.
- 4 With cheerful steps may they proceed,  
Where'er Thy providence shall lead;  
Let heaven and earth their work befriend,  
And mercy all their paths attend.
- 5 Great let the bands of those be found  
Who shall attend the gospel sound:  
And let barbarians, bond and free,  
In suppliant throngs resort to Thee.
- 6 Where pagan altars now are built,  
And blood of beasts or men is spilt,  
There be the bleeding cross high reared,  
And God, our God, alone revered.
- 7 Where captives groan beneath their chain,  
Let grace and love and concord reign;  
The aged and the infant tongue  
Unite in one harmonious song.

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Isaiah lx.

**R**ISE, crowned with light, imperial  
Salem, rise;  
Exalt thy towering head and lift thine  
eyes:

See heaven its sparkling portals wide display,  
And break upon thee in a flood of day.

- 2 See a long race thy spacious courts adorn,  
See future sons and daughters yet unborn,  
In crowding ranks on every side arise,  
Demanding life, impatient for the skies.

- 3 See barbarous nations at thy gates attend,  
Walk in thy light, and in thy temple  
bend:  
See thy bright altars thronged with prostrate kings,  
While every land its joyous tribute brings.
- 4 The seas shall waste, the skies to smoke  
decay,  
Rocks fall to dust, and mountains melt  
away;  
But fixed His word, His saving power  
remains;  
Thy realm shall last, thy own Messiah  
reigns.

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- Y**ES, my native land, I love thee;  
All thy scenes, I love them well;  
Friends, connections, happy country,  
Can I bid you all farewell?  
Can I leave you,  
Far in distant lands to dwell?
- 2 Home, thy joys are passing lovely,  
Joys no stranger's heart can tell;  
Happy home, 'tis sure I love thee,  
Can I, can I say farewell?  
Can I leave thee,  
Far in heathen lands to dwell?
- 3 Scenes of sacred peace and pleasure,  
Holy days and Sabbath bell;  
Richest, brightest, sweetest treasure,  
Can I say a last farewell?  
Can I leave you,  
Far in heathen lands to dwell?
- 4 Yes, I hasten from you gladly,  
From the scenes I love so well,

Far away, ye billows, bear me;  
 Lovely native land, farewell!  
 Pleased I leave thee—  
 Far in heathen lands to dwell.

5 In the desert let me labor,  
 On the mountain let me tell  
 How He died, the blessed Saviour,  
 To redeem a world from hell!  
 Let me hasten,  
 Far in heathen lands to dwell.

6 Bear me on, thou restless ocean,  
 Let the winds my canvass swell;  
 Heaves my heart with warm emotion,  
 While I go far hence to dwell:  
 Glad I leave thee,  
 Native land, farewell! farewell!

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**R**OLL on, thou mighty ocean;  
 And, as thy billows flow,  
 Bear messengers of mercy  
 To every land below.

2 Arise, ye gales, and waft them  
 Safe to the destined shore,  
 That man may sit in darkness  
 And death's deep shade no more.

3 Oh Thou eternal Ruler,  
 Who holdest in Thine arm  
 The tempests of the ocean,  
 Protect them from all harm.

4 Oh be Thy presence with them,  
 Wherever they may be;  
 Though far from us who love them,  
 Still let them be with Thee.

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C. M.

**D**AUGHTER of Zion, from the dust  
Exalt thy fallen head ;  
Again in Thy Redeemer trust,—  
He calls thee from the dead.

2 Awake, awake, put on thy strength,  
Thy beautiful array ;  
The day of freedom dawns at length,—  
The Lord's appointed day.

3 Rebuild thy walls, thy bounds enlarge,  
And send thy heralds forth ;  
Say to the south,—Give up thy charge !  
And,—Keep not back, oh north !

4 They come, they come : Thine exiled bands  
Where'er they rest or roam,  
Have heard Thy voice in distant lands,  
And hasten to their home.

396

L. M.

**H**IGH on the bending willows hung,  
Israel, still sleeps the tuneful string !  
Still mute remains the sullen tongue,  
And Sion's song denies to sing !

2 Awake ! thy loudest raptures raise,  
Let harp and voice unite their strains :  
Thy promised King His sceptre sways ;  
Behold, thy own Messiah reigns.

3 By foreign streams no longer roam,  
And, weeping, think on Jordan's flood  
In every clime behold a home ;  
In every temple see thy God.

- 4 No taunting foes the song require;  
 No strangers mock thy captive chain;  
 Thy friends provoke the silent lyre,  
 And brethren ask the holy strain.
- 5 Then why on bending willows hung,  
 Israel, still sleeps the tuneful string!  
 Why mute remains the sullen tongue,  
 And Sion's song delays to sing!

## TRAINING OF YOUTH.

397

C. M.

- B**ESTOW, O Lord, upon our youth  
 The gift of saving grace,  
 And let the seed of sacred truth  
 Fall in a fruitful place.
- 2 Grace is a plant, where'er it grows,  
 Of pure and heavenly root;  
 But fairest in the youngest shows,  
 And yields the sweetest fruit.
- 3 Ye careless ones, betimes obey  
 The voice of sovereign love!  
 Ye rove in folly's dangerous way,  
 But mercy reigns above.
- 4 For you the public prayer is made,  
 Oh join the public prayer!  
 For you the secret tear is shed,  
 Oh shed yourselves a tear!

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L. M.

- D**EAR Saviour, if these lambs should  
 stray  
 From Thy secure enclosure's bound,  
 And, lured by worldly joys away,  
 Among the thoughtless crowd be found;

- 2 Remember still that they are Thine,  
That Thy dear sacred name they bear,  
Think that the seal of love divine,—  
The sign of covenant grace they wear.
- 3 In all their erring, sinful years,  
Oh let them ne'er forgotten be;  
Remember all the prayers and tears  
Which made them consecrate to Thee.
- 4 And when these lips no more can pray,  
These eyes can weep for them no more,  
Turn Thou their feet from folly's way,  
The wanderers to Thy fold restore.

399

L. M.

- N**OW, in the heat of youthful blood,  
Remember your Creator, God:  
Behold, the months come hastening on,  
When you shall say, "My joys are gone."
- 2 God from on high beholds your thoughts,  
His book records your secret faults:  
The works of darkness men have done  
Must all appear before the sun.
- 3 Behold the aged sinner goes,  
Laden with guilt and heavy woes,  
Down to the regions of the dead,  
With bitterest curses on his head.
- 4 The dust returns to dust again;  
The soul in agonies of pain  
Ascends to God, not there to dwell,  
But hears her doom, and sinks to hell.
- 5 God of the young! turn off their eyes  
From earth's alluring vanities;  
And let the warnings of Thy word  
Awake their souls to fear the Lord!

400

C. M.

**H**APPY is he whose early years  
Receive instruction well ;  
Who hates the sinner's path, and fears  
The road that leads to hell.

2 'Tis easier work, if we begin  
To serve the Lord betimes ;  
While sinners, who grow old in sin,  
Are hardened by their crimes.

3 It saves us from a thousand snares,  
To mind religion young :  
With joy it crowns succeeding years,  
And makes our virtue strong.

4 To Thee, almighty God ! to Thee  
Our hearts we now resign :  
'Twill please us to look back and see  
That our whole lives were Thine !

401

C. M.

**Y**E hearts with youthful vigor warm,  
In smiling crowds draw near ;  
And turn from every mortal charm,  
A Saviour's voice to hear.

2 He, Lord of all the worlds on high,  
Stoops to converse with you,  
And lays His radiant glories by,  
Your friendship to pursue.

3 "The soul that longs to see my face,  
Is sure my love to gain ;  
And those that early seek my grace,  
Shall never seek in vain."

4 What object, Lord, my soul should move,  
If once compared with Thee ?

What beauty should command my love,  
Like that in Christ I see?

- 5 Away, ye false, delusive toys,  
Vain tempters of the mind!  
'Tis here I fix my lasting choice,  
And here true bliss I find.

## 402

C. M.

**B**Y cool Siloam's shady rill  
How fair the lily grows!  
How sweet the breath, beneath the hill,  
Of Sharon's dewy rose!

- 2 Lo! such the child whose early feet  
The paths of peace have trod,  
Whose secret heart, with influence sweet,  
Is upward drawn to God.

- 3 By cool Siloam's shady rill  
The lily must decay;  
The rose that blooms beneath the hill  
Must shortly fade away.

- 4 And soon, too soon, the wintry hour  
Of man's maturer age  
Will shake the soul with sorrow's power  
And stormy passion's rage.

- 5 O Thou, who givest life and breath,  
We seek Thy grace alone,  
In childhood, manhood, age, and death,  
To keep us still Thine own.

## 403

C. M.

**B**LEST is the man whose heart expands  
At melting pity's call,  
And the rich blessings of whose hands  
Like heavenly manna fall.



- 2 Mercy, descending from above,  
 In softest accents pleads;  
 Oh may each tender bosom move  
 When mercy intercedes.
- 3 Be ours the bliss in wisdom's way  
 To guide untutored youth,  
 And lead the mind that went astray  
 To virtue and to truth.
- 4 Children our kind protection claim,  
 And God will well approve  
 When infants learn to lisp His name  
 And their Creator love.
- 5 Delightful work! young souls to win,  
 And turn the rising race  
 From the deceitful paths of sin,  
 To seek redeeming grace.
- 6 Almighty God! Thine influence shed  
 To aid this good design:  
 The honors of Thy name be spread,  
 And all the glory Thine.

404      *The First Great Object.*      C. M.

**R**ELIGION is the chief concern  
 Of mortals here below;  
 May I its great importance learn,  
 Its sovereign virtue know!

- 2 More needful this than glittering wealth,  
 Or aught the world bestows;  
 Nor reputation, food or health,  
 Can give us such repose.
- 3 Religion should our thoughts engage,  
 Amidst our youthful bloom;  
 'Twill fit us for declining age,  
 And for the awful tomb.

- 4 Oh may my heart, by grace renewed,  
Be my Redeemer's throne;  
And be my stubborn will subdued,  
His government to own.
- 5 Let deep repentance, faith, and love  
Be joined with godly fear;  
And all my conversation prove  
My heart to be sincere.

## IN RELATION TO CIVIL GOVERNMENT.

### PUBLIC CALAMITY.

405

L. M.

- ON Thee, great Ruler of the skies,  
On Thee our steadfast hope relies;  
When hostile powers against us join,  
What aid so present, Lord, as Thine?
- 2 By Thee secured, no fears we own,  
Though earth, convulsed, beneath us groan,  
Though tempests o'er her surface sweep,  
And whirl her hills into the deep;
- 3 Though, armed with rage, before our eyes  
That deep in all its horrors rise,  
While, as the tumult spreads around,  
The mountains tremble at the sound.
- 4 Behold fair Sion's blest retreat,  
Where God has fixed His awful seat;  
Whose walls to heaven's almighty Lord  
His chosen residence afford.
- 5 God, ever watchful, ever nigh,  
Bids storms around her harmless fly;  
His early care each foe withstands,  
And backward turns the yielding bands.

406

C. M.

**P**ROTECT us, Lord, from fatal harm ;  
Behold our rising woes ;  
We trust alone Thy powerful arm,  
To scatter all our foes.

- 2 Their tongue is like a poisoned dart,  
Their thoughts are full of guile ;  
While rage and carnage swell their heart,  
They wear a peaceful smile.
- 3 O God of grace, Thy guardian care,  
When foes without invade,  
Or spread within a deeper snare,  
Supplies our constant aid.
- 4 Let falsehood flee before Thy face,  
Thy heavenly truth extend,  
All nations taste Thy heavenly grace,  
And all delusions end.
- 5 With daily bread the poor supply,  
The cause of justice plead ;  
And be Thy Church exalted high,  
With Christ, the glorious Head.

407

C. M.

**S**EE, gracious God, before Thy throne  
Thy mourning people bend !  
'Tis on Thy sovereign grace alone  
Our humble hopes depend.

- 2 Tremendous judgments from Thy hand  
Thy dreadful power display ;  
Yet mercy spares this guilty land,  
And still we live to pray.
- 3 What land so favored of the skies  
As these apostate States !

Our numerous crimes increasing rise,  
Yet still Thy vengeance waits.

4 How changed, alas! are truths divine  
For error, guilt, and shame!  
What impious numbers, bold in sin,  
Disgrace the Christian's name!

5 Regardless of Thy smile or frown,  
Their pleasures they require;  
And sink with gay indifference down  
To everlasting fire.

6 Oh turn us, turn us, mighty Lord,  
By Thy unbounded grace;  
Then shall our hearts obey Thy word,  
And humbly seek Thy face.

7 Then, should insulting foes invade,  
We shall not sink in fear;  
Secure of never-failing aid,  
If God, our God is near.

408

L. M.

**H**EAR us, O Lord, in time of need,  
And let Thy name our cause defend;  
Grant that our efforts may succeed,  
And victory on our steps attend.

2 On horse and chariot some rely,  
And some in numbers make their boast;  
Our trust is in the Lord most high;  
His favor is itself a host.

3 In His salvation we rejoice,  
And lift our banners in His name;  
Lord, hear our supplicating voice,  
And put our haughty foes to shame.

- 4 Spread over us Thy sheltering wing,  
 And bless with peace our favored land;  
 That we may still Thy glory sing,  
 By whose protecting care we stand.

## THANKSGIVING.

409 *Praise for Deliverance and Peace.* P. M.

**P**EACE! the welcome sound proclaim;  
 Dwell with rapture on the theme:  
 Loud, still louder swell the strain;  
 Peace on earth! good-will to men!

- 2 Breezes! whispering soft and low,  
 Gently murmur as ye blow,  
 Now, when war and discord cease,  
 Praises to the God of peace.

- 3 Ocean's billows far and wide,  
 Rolling in majestic pride!  
 Loud, still louder swell the strain:  
 Peace on earth! good-will to men!

- 4 Vocal songsters of the grove!  
 Sweetly chant in notes of love,  
 Now, when war and discord cease,  
 Praises to the God of peace.

- 5 Mortals, who these blessings feel!  
 Christians, who before Him kneel!  
 Loud, still louder swell the strain:  
 Peace on earth, good-will to men!

## 410 Psalm xlvii.

**O**H all ye people, clap your hands,  
 And with triumphant voices sing;  
 No force the mighty power withstands  
 Of God, the universal King.

- 2 He shall assaulting foes repel,  
And with success our battles fight;  
Shall fix the place where we must dwell,  
The pride of Jacob His delight.
- 3 God is gone up, our Lord and King,  
With shouts of joy and trumpet's sound;  
To Him repeated praises sing,  
And let the cheerful song rebound.
- 4 Your utmost skill in praise be shown,  
From Him who all the world commands:  
Who sits upon His righteous throne,  
And spreads His sway o'er heathen lands.

## HARVEST.

411

Psalm lxxv.

L. M.

- E**TERNAL Source of every joy!  
Well may Thy praise our lips employ,  
While in Thy temple we appear  
To hail Thee Sovereign of the year.
- 2 Wide as the wheels of nature roll,  
Thy hand supports and guides the whole;  
The sun is taught by Thee to rise,  
And darkness when to veil the skies.
- 3 The flowery spring, at Thy command,  
Perfumes the air and paints the land:  
The summer rays with vigor shine  
To raise the corn and cheer the vine.
- 4 Thy hand, in autumn, richly pours  
Through all our coast redundant stores,  
And winters, softened by Thy care,  
No more the face of horror wear.

- 5 Seasons, and months, and weeks, and days,  
Demand successive songs of praise ;  
And be the grateful homage paid  
With morning light and evening shade.
- 6 Here in Thy house let incense rise,  
And circling Sabbaths bless our eyes,  
Till to those lofty heights we soar,  
Where days and years revolve no more.

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**P**RAISE to God, immortal praise,  
For the love that crowns our days ;  
Bounteous source of every joy,  
Let Thy praise our tongues employ :  
All to Thee, our God, we owe,  
Source whence all our blessings flow,—

- 2 All the blessings of the fields,  
All the stores the garden yields,  
Flocks that whiten all the plain,  
Yellow sheaves of ripened grain :  
Lord, for these our souls shall raise  
Grateful vows and solemn praise.
- 3 Clouds that drop their fattening dews  
Suns that genial warmth diffuse,  
All the plenty summer pours,  
Autumn's rich, o'erflowing stores :  
Lord, for Thee our souls shall raise  
Grateful vows and solemn praise.
- 4 Peace, prosperity, and health,  
Private bliss and public wealth,  
Knowledge, with its gladdening streams,  
Pure religion's holier beams :  
Lord, for these our souls shall raise  
Grateful vows and solemn praise.

- 5 Yet, should rising whirlwinds tear  
 From its stem the ripening ear ;  
 Though the sickening flock should fall,  
 And the herd desert the stall :  
 Still to Thee our souls shall raise  
 Grateful vows and solemn praise.
- 6 Should Thine altered hand restrain  
 The early and the latter rain,  
 Blast each opening bud of joy,  
 And the rising year destroy :  
 Still to Thee our souls shall raise  
 Grateful vows and solemn praise.
- 7 Life and grace, whate'er our woe,  
 Still to Thee, our God, we owe ;  
 Though of earthly hopes bereft,  
 Yet our hope of heaven is left ;  
 And for these our souls shall raise  
 Grateful vows and solemn praise.

## LIFE.

## ITS BREVITY.

413

C. P. M.

**M**Y days, my weeks, my months, my  
 years,  
 Fly rapid as the whirling spheres  
 Around the steady pole ;  
 Time, like the tide, its motion keeps,  
 And I must launch through endless deeps,  
 Where endless ages roll.

- 2 The grave is near the cradle seen,  
 How swift the moments pass between !  
 And whisper as they fly—  
 Unthinking man, remember this,  
 Thou, 'midst thy sublunary bliss,  
 Must groan, and gasp, and die !



- 3 But shall my soul be then extinct,  
And cease to be, or cease to think?  
Great God! it cannot be;  
Thou, soul immortal! canst not die;  
What wilt thou do, or whither fly,  
When death shall set thee free?
- 4 My soul, attend the solemn call,  
Thine earthly tent must quickly fall,  
And thou must take thy flight,  
Beyond the vast ethereal blue,  
To love and sing as angels do,  
Or sink in endless night.

414

C. M.

**D**EATH rides on every passing breeze,  
And lurks in every flower;  
Each season has its own disease,  
Its peril every hour!

- 2 Our eyes have seen the rosy light  
Of youth's soft cheek decay;  
And fate descend in sudden night  
On manhood's middle day.
- 3 Our eyes have seen the steps of age  
Halt feebly to the tomb;  
And yet shall earth our hearts engage,  
And dreams of days to come?
- 4 Then, mortal, turn! thy danger know;  
Where'er thy foot can tread,  
The earth rings hollow from below,  
And warns thee of her dead!
- 5 Turn, mortal, turn! thy soul apply  
To truths divinely given:  
The dead, who underneath thee lie,  
Shall live for hell or heaven!

415

C. L. M

**O**H what is life?—'tis like a flower  
That blossoms and is gone;  
It flourishes its little hour,  
With all its beauty on:  
Death comes, and like a wintry day,  
It cuts the lovely flower away.

2 Oh what is life?—'tis like the bow  
That glistens in the sky;  
We love to see its colors glow,  
But while we look, they die:  
Life fails as soon:—to-day 'tis here;  
To-morrow it may disappear.

3 Lord, what is life?—if spent with Thee  
In humble praise and prayer,  
How long or short our life may be,  
We feel no anxious care:  
Though life depart, our joys shall last  
When life and all its joys are past.

416

C. M.

**H**OW short and hasty is our life!  
How vast our souls' affairs!  
Yet senseless mortals vainly strive  
To lavish out their years.

2 Our days run thoughtlessly along,  
Without a moment's stay;  
Just like a story, or a song,  
We pass our lives away.

3 God from on high invites us home,  
But we march heedless on,  
And ever hastening to the tomb,  
Stoop downwards as we run.

- 4 How we deserve the deepest hell,  
That slight the joys above !  
What chains of vengeance should we feel,  
That break such cords of love !
- 5 Draw us, O Saviour, with Thy grace,  
And lift our thoughts on high,  
That we may end this mortal race,  
And see salvation nigh.

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**T**IME is winging us away  
To our eternal home ;  
Life is but a winter's day—  
A journey to the tomb ;  
Youth and vigor soon will flee,  
Blooming beauty lose its charms ;  
All that's mortal soon shall be  
Inclosed in death's cold arms.

- 2 Time is bearing us away  
To our eternal home ;  
Life is but a winter's day—  
A journey to the tomb ;  
But the saints shall soon enjoy  
Life—immortal life above,  
Where no worldly griefs annoy,  
Where Jesus reigns in love.

## ITS UNCERTAINTY.

418

L. M.

**O**FT as the bell, with solemn toll,  
Speaks the departure of a soul,  
Let each one ask himself, " Am I  
Prepared, should I be called to die ?"

- 2 Only this frail and fleeting breath  
Preserves me from the jaws of death;  
Soon as it fails, at once I'm gone,  
And plunged into a world unknown.
- 3 Then, leaving all I loved below,  
To God's tribunal I must go;  
Must hear the Judge pronounce my fate,  
And fix my everlasting state.
- 4 Lord Jesus! help me now to flee,  
And seek my hope alone in Thee;  
Apply Thy blood, Thy Spirit give,  
Subdue my sin, and let me live.
- 5 Then when the solemn bell I hear,  
If saved from guilt, I need not fear;  
Nor would the thought alarming be,  
Perhaps it next may toll for me.

419

C. L. M.

GO, watch and pray! thou canst not tell  
How near thine hour may be;  
Thou canst not know how soon the bell  
May toll its notes for thee.  
Death's countless snares beset thy way!  
Frail child of dust, go watch and pray!

- 2 Fond youth, while free from blighting care,  
Does thy firm pulse beat high?  
Do hope's glad visions, bright and fair,  
Dilate before thine eye?  
Soon these must change, must pass away;  
Frail child of dust, go watch and pray.
- 3 Thou aged man, life's wintry storm  
Hath seared thy vernal bloom;  
With trembling limbs, and wasting form,  
Thou'rt bending o'er thy tomb:

And can vain hope lead thee astray?  
Go, weary pilgrim, watch and pray.

- 4 Ambition, stop thy panting breath!  
Pride, sink thy lifted eye!  
Behold the caverns, dark with death,  
Before you open lie:  
The heavenly warning now obey;  
Ye sons of pride, go watch and pray.

### ITS DUTIES AND OBJECT.

420

L. C. M.

**A** LAS! how poor and little worth  
Are all those glittering toys of earth  
That lure us here!  
Dreams of a sleep that death must break;  
Alas! before it bids us wake,  
They disappear.

- 2 Where is the strength that spurned decay,  
The step that rolled so light and gay,  
The heart's blithe tone?  
The strength is gone, the step is slow,  
And joy grows weariness and woe  
When age comes on.
- 3 Our birth is but a starting-place;  
Life is the running of the race,  
And death the goal:  
There all those glittering toys are brought;  
That path alone, of all unsought,  
Is found of all.
- 4 Oh let the soul its slumbers break,  
Arouse its senses, and awake  
To see how soon  
Life, like its glories, glides away,  
And the stern footsteps of decay  
Come stealing on.

421

L. M

**B**EHOLD the path that mortals tread  
Down to the regions of the dead!  
Nor will the fleeting moments stay,  
Nor can we measure back our way.

- 2 Our kindred and our friends are gone:  
Know, oh my soul, this doom thine own:  
Feeble as theirs, my mortal frame,  
The same my way, my house the same.
- 3 And must I, from the cheerful light,  
Pass to the grave's perpetual night?  
From scenes of duty, means of grace,  
Must I to God's tribunal pass?
- 4 Awake, my soul, thy way prepare,  
And lose, in this, each mortal care;  
With steady feet that path be trod,  
Which through the grave conducts to God.

422

L. M.

**L**IFE is the time to serve the Lord,  
The time t' insure the great reward;  
And while the Spirit gives concern  
The vilest sinner may return.

- 2 The living know that they must die;  
But all the dead forgotten lie;  
Their memory and their sense are gone,  
Alike unknowing and unknown.
- 3 Their hatred, and their love, is lost,  
Their envy buried in the dust;  
They have no share in all that's done  
Beneath the circuit of the sun.

- 4 Then what my thoughts design to do,  
My hands, with all your might pursue,  
Since no device, nor work, is found,  
Nor faith, nor hope, beneath the ground.

423

C. P. M.

- A**ND am I only born to die?  
And must I suddenly comply  
With nature's stern decree?  
What after death for me remains?  
Celestial joys, or hellish pains,  
To all eternity.
- 2 How then ought I on earth to live,  
While God prolongs the kind reprieve,  
And props the house of clay?  
My sole concern, my single care,  
To watch, and tremble, and prepare  
Against that fatal day.
- 3 No room for mirth or trifling here,  
For worldly hope, or worldly fear,  
If life so soon is gone;  
If now the Judge is at the door,  
And all mankind must stand before  
Th' inexorable throne!
- 4 No matter which my thoughts employ,  
A moment's misery or joy;  
But, oh when both shall end,  
Where shall I find my destined place?  
Shall I my everlasting days  
With fiends or angels spend?
- 5 Nothing is worth a thought beneath,  
But how I may escape the death  
That never, never dies!  
How make mine own election sure;  
And when I fail on earth, secure  
A mansion in the skies.

- 6 Jesus, vouchsafe a pitying ray;  
Be Thou my Guide, be Thou my Way  
To glorious happiness.  
Ah! write the pardon on my heart;  
And whensoever I hence depart,  
Let me depart in peace.

424

C. M.

- T**HEE we adore, eternal Name!  
And humbly own to Thee  
How feeble is our mortal frame,  
What dying worms are we.
- 2 Our wasting lives are shortening still,  
As months and days increase;  
And every beating pulse we tell  
Leaves but the number less.
- 3 Dangers stand thick through all the ground,  
To push us to the tomb;  
And fierce diseases wait around  
To hurry mortals home.
- 4 Great God! on what a slender thread  
Hang everlasting things!  
Th' eternal states of all the dead  
Upon life's feeble strings.
- 5 Yet while a world of joy or woe  
Depends on every breath,  
Thoughtless and unconcerned we go  
Upon the brink of death.
- 6 Waken, O Lord! our drowsy sense,  
To walk this dangerous road;  
And if our souls are hurried hence,  
May they be found with God.



425

C. M.

**T**EACH me the measure of my days,  
Thou Maker of my frame!  
I would survey life's narrow space,  
And learn how frail I am.

- 2 A span is all that we can boast;  
A fleeting hour of time:  
Man is but vanity and dust,  
In all his flower and prime.
- 3 See the vain race of mortals move,  
Like shadows o'er the plain:  
They rage and strive, desire and love,  
But all the noise is vain.
- 4 Some walk in honor's gaudy show;  
Some dig for golden ore;  
They toil for heirs, they know not who,  
And straight are seen no more.
- 5 What should I wish or wait for then,  
From creatures, earth and dust?  
They make our expectations vain,  
And disappoint our trust.
- 6 Now I resign my earthly hope,  
My fond desires recall;  
I give my mortal interest up,  
And make my God my all.

## DEATH.

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S. H. M.

**F**RRIEND after friend departs:  
Who hath not lost a friend?  
There is no union here of hearts  
That finds not here an end:

Were this frail world our final rest,  
Living or dying, none were blest.

- 2 Beyond the flight of time,  
Beyond this vale of death,  
There surely is some blessed clime  
Where life is not a breath,—  
Nor life's affections transient fire,  
Whose sparks fly upward to expire.
- 3 There is a world above,  
Where parting is unknown,  
A whole eternity of love,  
Formed for the good alone;  
And faith beholds the dying here  
Translated to that happier sphere.
- 4 Thus star by star declines,  
Till all are passed away,  
As morning high and higher shines,  
To pure and perfect day:  
Nor sink those stars in empty night—  
They hide themselves in heaven's own  
light.

427

L. M.

**A** SLEEP in Jesus! blessed sleep!  
From which none ever wakes to weep;  
A calm and undisturbed repose,  
Unbroken by the last of foes.

- 2 Asleep in Jesus! oh how sweet  
To be for such a slumber meet!  
With holy confidence to sing  
That death hath lost its venom'd sting!
- 3 Asleep in Jesus! peaceful rest!  
Whose waking is supremely blest;  
No fear—no woe, shall dim that hour  
That manifests the Saviour's power.

- 4 Asleep in Jesus! oh for me  
 May such a blissful refuge be:  
 Securely shall my ashes lie,  
 And wait the summons from on high.
- 5 Asleep in Jesus! time nor space  
 Debars this precious "hiding-place:"  
 On Indian plains, or Lapland snows,  
 Believers find the same repose.
- 6 Asleep in Jesus! far from Thee  
 Thy kindred and their graves may be:  
 But there is still a blessed sleep,  
 From which none ever wakes to weep.

428

C. M.

**H**ARK! from the tombs a doleful sound;  
 My ears attend the cry:  
 "Ye living men, come view the ground  
 Where you must shortly lie.

- 2 "Princes, this clay must be your bed  
 In spite of all your towers!  
 The tall, the wise, the reverend head,  
 Must lie as low as ours."
- 3 Great God! is this our certain doom?  
 And are we still secure?  
 Still walking downward to the tomb,  
 And yet prepare no more?
- 4 Grant us the power of quickening grace  
 To fit our souls to fly;  
 Then, when we drop this dying flesh,  
 We'll rise above the sky.

429

8s &amp; 4s.

**T**HERE is a calm for those who weep,  
 A rest for weary pilgrims found;  
 They softly lie, and sweetly sleep,  
 Low in the ground.

- 2 The storm that wrecks the winter sky  
No more disturbs their sweet repose  
Than summer evening's latest sigh,  
That shuts the rose.
- 3 Thou traveler in this vale of tears,  
To realms of everlasting light,  
Through time's dark wilderness of years  
Pursue thy flight.
- 4 Whate'er thy lot—where'er thou be—  
Confess thy folly—kiss the rod;  
And in thy chastening sorrows see  
The hand of God.
- 5 Though long of winds and waves the sport,  
Condemned in wretchedness to roam,  
Thou soon shalt reach a sheltering port,  
A quiet home.

WHEN life's tempestuous storms are  
o'er,  
How calm he meets the friendly shore  
Who lived averse from sin!  
Such peace on virtue's path attends,  
That, where the sinner's pleasure ends,  
The Christian's joys begin.

- 2 See smiling patience smooth his brow!  
See bending angels downward bow  
To lift his soul on high!  
While, eager for the blest abode,  
He joins with them to praise the God  
Who taught him how to die.
- 3 No sorrow drowns his lifted eyes;  
No horror wrests the struggling sighs,  
As from the sinner's breast:

His God, the God of peace and love,  
Pours kindly solace from above,  
And heals his soul with rest.

- 4 Oh grant, my Saviour and my Friend !  
Such joys may gild my peaceful end,  
So calm my evening close,  
While, loosed from every earthly tie,  
With steady confidence I fly  
To Thee from whom I rose !

431

L. M.

UNVEIL thy bosom, faithful tomb !  
Take this new treasure to thy trust ;  
And give these sacred relics room  
To seek a slumber in the dust.

- 2 Nor pain, nor grief, nor anxious fear  
Invades Thy bounds. No mortal woes  
Can reach the peaceful sleeper here,  
While angels watch the soft repose.
- 3 So Jesus slept ;—God's dying Son  
Passed through the grave, and blest the  
bed ;  
Rest here, blest saint, till from His throne  
The morning break, and pierce the shade.
- 4 Break from His throne, illustrious morn ;  
Attend, oh earth ! His sovereign word ;  
Restore Thy trust—a glorious form  
Shall then arise to meet the Lord.

432

L. M.

HOW blest the righteous when he dies !  
When sinks a weary soul to rest !  
How mildly beam the closing eyes !  
How gently heaves th' expiring breast !

- 2 So fades a summer cloud away ;  
 So sinks the gale when storms are o'er ;  
 So gently shuts the eye of day ;  
 So dies a wave along the shore.
- 3 A holy quiet reigns around,  
 A calm which life nor death destroys ;  
 And naught disturbs that peace profound  
 Which his unfettered soul enjoys.
- 4 Farewell, conflicting hopes and fears,  
 Where lights and shades alternate dwell ;  
 How bright the unchanging morn appears !  
 Farewell, inconstant world, farewell !
- 5 Life's labor's done ; as sinks the clay,  
 Light from its load the spirit flies,  
 While heaven and earth combine to say,  
 "How blest the righteous when he dies !"

## 433

L. M.

- SO fades the lovely, blooming flower,  
 Frail smiling solace of an hour !  
 So soon our transient comforts fly,  
 And pleasure only blooms to die.
- 2 Is there no kind, no lenient art,  
 To heal the anguish of the heart ?  
 Spirit of grace ! be ever nigh ;  
 Thy comforts are not made to die.
- 3 See gentle patience smile on pain,  
 Till dying hope revive again ;  
 Hope wipes the tear from sorrow's eye,  
 While faith points upward to the sky.

## 434

S. M.

SERVANT of God, well done !  
 Rest from thy loved employ :  
 The battle fought, the victory won,  
 Enter thy Master's joy.

- 2 The voice at midnight came ;  
 He started up to hear :  
 A mortal arrow pierced his frame ;  
 He fell, but felt no fear.
- 3 At midnight came the cry,  
 "To meet thy God prepare!"  
 He woke,—and caught his Captain's eye;  
 Then, strong in faith and prayer,
- 4 His spirit with a bound  
 Left its encumbering clay :  
 His tent, at sunrise, on the ground  
 A darkened ruin lay.
- 5 The pains of death are past ;  
 Labor and sorrow cease ;  
 And, life's long warfare closed at last,  
 His soul is found in peace.
- 6 Soldier of Christ, well done !  
 Praise be thy new employ ;  
 And, while eternal ages run,  
 Rest in thy Saviour's joy.

435

10s.

GO to the grave in all thy glorious prime,  
 In full activity of zeal and power ;  
 A Christian cannot die before his time,  
 The Lord's appointment is the servant's  
 hour.

- 2 Go to the grave ; at noon from labor cease ;  
 Rest on thy sheaves, thy harvest task is  
 done ;  
 Come from the heat of battle, and in peace,  
 Soldier, go home ; with thee the fight is  
 won.

- 3 Go to the grave; for there thy Saviour lay  
 In death's embraces, ere He rose on high;  
 And all the ransomed, by that narrow way,  
 Pass to eternal life beyond the sky.
- 4 Go the grave!—no, take thy seat above;  
 Be thy pure spirit present with the Lord,  
 Where thou, for faith and hope, hast perfect love,  
 And open vision for the written Word.

## 436

- I WOULD not live alway: I ask not to  
 stay  
 Where storm after storm rises dark o'er  
 the way;  
 The few lurid mornings that dawn on us  
 here,  
 Are enough for life's woes, full enough for  
 its cheer.
- 2 I would not live alway, thus fettered by  
 sin,  
 Temptation without, and corruption within:  
 E'en the rapture of pardon is mingled with  
 fears,  
 And the cup of thanksgiving with penitent  
 tears.
- 3 I would not live alway; no, welcome the  
 tomb!  
 Since Jesus hath lain there, I dread not its  
 gloom;  
 There, sweet be my rest, till He bid me  
 arise  
 To hail Him in triumph descending the  
 skies.



- 4 Who, who would live alway, away from  
his God;  
Away from yon heaven, that blissful  
abode,  
Where the rivers of pleasure flow o'er the  
bright plains,  
And the noontide of glory eternally reigns?
- 5 Where the saints of all ages in harmony  
meet,  
Their Saviour and brethren, transported to  
greet;  
While the anthems of rapture unceasingly  
roll,  
And the smile of the Lord is the feast of  
the soul?

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8s &amp; 7s.

SISTER, thou wast mild and lovely,  
Gentle as the summer breeze,  
Pleasant as the air of evening,  
When it floats among the trees.

- 2 Peaceful be thy silent slumber—  
Peaceful in the grave so low:  
Thou no more wilt join our number;  
Thou no more our songs shalt know.
- 3 Dearest sister, thou hast left us;  
Here thy loss we deeply feel;  
But 'tis God that hath bereft us:  
He can all our sorrows heal.
- 4 Yet again we hope to meet thee,  
When the day of life is fled,  
Then in heaven with joy to greet thee,  
Where no farewell tear is shed.

438

6s.

GO to thy rest, my child,  
 Go to thy dreamless bed,  
 Gentle and undefiled,  
 With blessings on thy head.

2 Fresh roses in thy hand,  
 Buds on thy pillow laid;  
 Haste from this fearful land,  
 Where flowers so quickly fade.

3 Before thy heart had learned  
 In waywardness to stray;  
 Before thy feet had turned  
 The dark and downward way;

4 Ere sin had seared the breast,  
 Or sorrow woke the tear;  
 Rise to thy home of rest,  
 In yon celestial sphere.

5 Because thy smile was fair,  
 Thy lip and eye so bright,  
 Because thy cradle-care  
 Was such a fond delight,—

6 Shall love, with weak embrace,  
 Thy heavenward wing detain?  
 No!—angel, seek thy place  
 Amid heaven's cherub train.

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12s.

THOU art gone to the grave! but we  
 will not deplore thee,  
 Though sorrows and darkness encompass  
 the tomb;  
 The Saviour hath passed through its por-  
 tals before thee,  
 And the lamp of His love is thy guide  
 through the gloom.

2 Thou art gone to the grave! we no longer  
    behold thee,  
    Nor tread the rough paths of the world  
        by thy side;  
But the wide arms of Mercy are spread to  
    enfold thee,  
And sinners may hope, for the Sinless  
    hath died.

3 Thou art gone to the grave! and, its man-  
    sion forsaking,  
    Perchance thy weak spirit in doubt lin-  
        gered long:  
But the sunshine of glory beamed bright  
    on thy waking,  
And full on thine ear burst the sera-  
    phim's song.

4 Thou art gone to the grave! but we will  
    not deplore thee,  
    Since God was thy Ransom, thy Guar-  
        dian, and Guide:  
He gave thee, He took thee, and He will  
    restore thee;  
And death has no sting, for the Saviour  
    hath died.

440

S. M.

**I**T is not death to die—  
To leave this weary road,  
And, 'mid the brotherhood on high,  
    To be at home with God.

2 It is not death to close  
    The eye long dimmed by tears,  
And wake, in glorious repose  
    To spend eternal years.

- 3 Jesus, Thou Prince of life!  
Thy chosen cannot die;  
Like Thee, they conquer in the strife,  
To reign with Thee on high.

441

L. M.

WHY should we start and fear to die?  
What tim'rous worms we mortals  
are!

Death is the gate of endless joy,  
And yet we dread to enter there.

- 2 The pains, the groans, and dying strife,  
Fright our approaching souls away:  
Still we shrink back again to life,  
Fond of our prison and our clay.
- 3 Oh if my Lord would come and meet,  
My soul should stretch her wings in  
haste,  
Fly fearless through death's iron gate,  
Nor feel the terrors as she passed.
- 4 Jesus can make a dying bed  
Feel soft as downy pillows are,  
While on His breast I lean my head,  
And breathe my life out sweetly there.

442

S. M.

AND must this body die?  
This mortal frame decay?  
And must these active limbs of mine  
Lie mouldering in the clay?

- 2 Corruption, earth and worms,  
Shall but refine this flesh,  
Till my triumphant spirit comes  
To put it on afresh.

- 3 God, my Redeemer, lives,  
And often, from the skies,  
Looks down and watches all my dust,  
Till He shall bid it rise.
- 4 Arrayed in glorious grace  
Shall these vile bodies shine,  
And every shape, and every face,  
Look heavenly and divine.
- 5 These lively hopes we owe  
To Jesus' dying love;  
We would adore His grace below,  
And sing His power above.
- 6 Dear Lord, accept the praise  
Of these our humble songs,  
Till tunes of nobler sounds we raise  
With our immortal tongues.

443

C. M.

- W**HY do we mourn departing friends,  
Or shake at death's alarms?  
'Tis but the voice that Jesus sends  
To call them to His arms.
- 2 Are we not tending upward too,  
As fast as time can move?  
Nor would we wish the hours more slow  
To keep us from our love.
- 3 Why should we tremble to convey  
Their bodies to the tomb?  
There the dear flesh of Jesus lay;  
There hopes immortal bloom.
- 4 The graves of all the saints He blessed,  
And softened every bed:  
Where should the dying members rest  
But with the dying Head?

## RESURRECTION.

444

C. M.

SHALL man, O God of light and life,  
For ever moulder in the grave?  
Canst Thou forget Thy glorious work,  
Thy promise and Thy power to save?

2 Shall life revisit dying worms,  
And spread the joyful insect's wing!  
And oh shall man awake no more  
To see Thy face, Thy name to sing?

3 Cease, cease, ye vain desponding fears!  
When Christ, our Lord, from darkness  
sprang,  
Death, the last foe, was captive led,  
And heaven with praise and wonder  
rang.

4 Him the first-fruits, his chosen sons,  
Shall follow from the vanquished grave  
He mounts His throne, the King of  
kings,  
His church to quicken and to save.

5 Faith sees the bright, eternal doors  
Unfold to make His children way;  
They shall be clothed with endless life,  
And shine in everlasting day.

6 The trump shall sound, the dust awake;  
From the cold tomb the slumberers  
spring;  
Through heaven with joy their myriads  
rise,  
And hail their Saviour and their King.

445

C. M.

**T**HROUGH sorrow's night and danger's  
 path,  
 Amid the deepening gloom,  
 We soldiers of an injured King  
 Are marching to the tomb.

- 2 There, when the turmoil is no more,  
 And all our powers decay,  
 Our cold remains in solitude  
 Shall sleep the years away.
- 3 Our labors done, securely laid  
 In this our last retreat,  
 Unheeded o'er our silent dust  
 The storms of life shall beat.
- 4 Yet not thus lifeless, thus inane,  
 The vital spark shall lie,  
 For o'er life's wreck that spark shall rise  
 To seek its kindred sky.
- 5 These ashes too, this little dust,  
 Our Father's care shall keep,  
 Till the last angel rise, and break  
 The long and dreary sleep.
- 6 Then love's soft dew o'er every eye  
 Shall shed its mildest rays,  
 And the long silent dust shall burst  
 With songs of endless praise.

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*Behold, He Cometh!* 8s, 7s & 4s.

**L**O! He comes, with clouds descending,  
 Once for favored sinners slain;  
 Thousand thousand saints, attending,  
 Swell the triumph of His train:  
 Hallelujah!  
 God appears on earth to reign.

- 2 Every eye shall now behold Him  
 Robed in dreadful majesty;  
 Those who set at naught and sold Him,  
 Pierced and nailed Him to the tree,  
 Deeply wailing,  
 Shall the true Messiah see.
- 3 All the tokens of His passion  
 Still His dazzling body bears:  
 Cause of endless exultation  
 To His ransomed worshippers;  
 With what rapture  
 Gaze we on those glorious scars!
- 4 Yea, Amen! let all adore Thee,  
 High on Thine eternal throne;  
 Saviour, take the power and glory;  
 Make Thy righteous sentence known:  
 Jah! Jehovah!  
 Claim the kingdom for Thine own.

447

S. M.

- AND will the Judge descend?  
 And must the dead arise?  
 And not a single soul escape  
 His all-discerning eyes?
- 2 And from His righteous lips  
 Shall this dread sentence sound,  
 And, through the numerous guilty throng,  
 Spread black despair around:
- 3 "Depart from me, accursed,  
 To everlasting flame,  
 For rebel angels first prepared,  
 Where mercy never came."
- 4 How will my heart endure  
 The terrors of that day,



When earth and heaven, before His face,  
Astonished, shrink away?

5 But ere that trumpet shakes  
The mansions of the dead,  
Hark, from the gospel's cheering sound,  
What joyful tidings spread!

6 Ye sinners, seek His grace,  
Whose wrath ye cannot bear;  
Fly to the shelter of His cross,  
And find salvation there.

7 So shall that curse remove  
By which the Saviour bled;  
And the last awful day shall pour  
His blessings on your head.

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8s, 7s &amp; 4s.

**D**AY of Judgment—day of wonders!  
Hark!—the trumpet's awful sound,  
Louder than a thousand thunders,  
Shakes the vast creation round!  
How the summons  
Will the sinner's heart confound!

2 See the Judge, our nature wearing,  
Clothed in majesty divine!  
You, who long for His appearing,  
Then shall say, "This God is mine!"  
Gracious Saviour,  
Own me in that day for Thine!

3 At His call the dead awaken,  
Rise to life from earth and sea;  
All the powers of nature, shaken  
By His looks, prepare to flee:  
Careless sinner,  
What will then become of thee?

449

L. P. M.

**G**REAT God, what do I see and hear!  
 The end of things created!  
 The Judge of mankind doth appear,  
 On clouds of glory seated:  
 The trumpet sounds; the graves restore  
 The dead whom they contained before;  
 Prepare, my soul, to meet Him.

2 The dead in Christ shall first arise,  
 At the last trumpet's sounding,  
 Caught up to meet Him in the skies,  
 With joy their Lord surrounding;  
 No gloomy fears their souls dismay,  
 His presence sheds eternal day  
 On those prepared to meet Him.

3 But sinners, filled with guilty fears,  
 Behold His wrath prevailing,  
 For they shall rise, and find their tears  
 And sighs are unavailing;  
 The day of grace is past and gone;  
 Trembling they stand before the throne,  
 All unprepared to meet Him.

4 Great God, what do I see and hear!  
 The end of things created!  
 The Judge of mankind doth appear,  
 On clouds of glory seated:  
 Beneath His cross I view the day  
 When heaven and earth shall pass away;  
 Prepare, my soul, to meet Him.

## HELL.

450

L. M

**H**ELL! 'tis a word of dreadful sound;  
 It chills the heart and shocks the ear;  
 It spreads a sickly damp around,  
 And makes the guilty quake with fear.

- 2 Far from the utmost verge of day,  
Its frightful, gloomy region lies;  
Fierce flames amidst the darkness play,  
And thick sulphurous vapors rise.
- 3 Conscience, the never-dying worm,  
With constant torture gnaws the heart,  
And woe and wrath, in every form,  
Inflame the wounds, increase the smart.
- 4 The wretches rave, o'erwhelmed with woe,  
And bite their everlasting chains;  
But with their rage their torments grow,  
Resentment but augments their pains.
- 5 Sad world indeed! what heart can bear,  
Hopeless, in all these pains to lie,  
Racked with vexation, grief, despair,  
And ever dying, never die?
- 6 "Lord, save a guilty soul from hell,  
Who seeks Thy pardoning, cleansing  
blood,  
Oh let me in Thy kingdom dwell,  
To praise my Saviour and my God."

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7s.

OH that day, that day of ire,  
Told of prophet, when in fire  
Shall a world dissolved expire!

- 2 Oh what trembling agony,  
When His coming shall be nigh,  
Who shall all things judge and try!
- 3 When the trumpet's thrilling tone,  
Through the tombs of ages gone,  
Summons all before the throne.
- 4 Death and Nature stand aghast,  
When all creatures, at the blast,  
Rise to answer for the past.

- 5 Open then the book shall lie,  
All o'erwrit for every eye,  
With a world's iniquity.
- 6 Then the Judge shall sit!—oh then  
All that's hid shall be made plain,  
Unrequited naught remain.
- 7 What then, wretched! shall I plead,  
Who for me shall intercede,  
When the righteous scarce is freed?
- 8 King of awful majesty!  
Saving souls in mercy free;  
Fount of pity, save Thou me!
- 9 Oh remember, Lord, I pray,  
I the cause was of Thy way;  
Do not lose me on that day!

## HEAVEN.

452

*The Society of Heaven.*

C. M.

- JERUSALEM! my happy home!  
Name ever dear to me!  
When shall my labors have an end  
In joy and peace and thee?
- 2 When shall these eyes thy heaven-built  
walls  
And pearly gates behold?  
Thy bulwarks with salvation strong,  
And streets of shining gold?
- 3 Oh when, thou city of my God,  
Shall I thy courts ascend,  
Where congregations ne'er break up,  
And Sabbaths have no end?

- 4 There happier bowers than Eden's bloom,  
Nor sin nor sorrow know:  
Blest seats! through rude and stormy  
scenes  
I onward press to you.
- 5 Why should I shrink at pain and woe?  
Or feel at death dismay?  
I've Canaan's goodly land in view,  
And realms of endless day.
- 6 Apostles, martyrs, prophets, there,  
Around my Saviour stand;  
And soon my friends in Christ below  
Will join the glorious band.
- 7 Jerusalem! my happy home!  
My soul still pants for thee;  
Then shall my labors have an end,  
When I thy joys shall see.

453      *The Saints in Heaven.*      P. M., 7s.

- WHO are these in bright array,  
This innumerable throng,  
Round the altar night and day,  
Tuning their triumphant song?  
"Worthy is the Lamb, once slain,  
Blessing, honor, glory, power,  
Wisdom, riches, to obtain  
New dominion every hour."
- 2 These through fiery trials trod;  
These from great affliction came;  
Now, before the throne of God,  
Sealed with His eternal name.  
Clad in raiment pure and white,  
Victor palms in every hand,  
Through their great Redeemer's might,  
More than conquerors they stand.

- 3 Hunger, thirst, disease unknown,  
On immortal fruits they feed:  
Them the Lamb amidst the throne  
Shall to living fountains lead.  
Joy and gladness banish sighs;  
Perfect love dispels their fears;  
And for ever from their eyes  
God shall wipe away their tears.

454            *The Heavenly Canaan.*            C. M.

- THERE is a land of pure delight,  
Where saints immortal reign;  
Infinite day excludes the night,  
And pleasures banish pain.
- 2 There everlasting spring abides,  
And never-withering flowers:  
Death, like a narrow sea, divides  
This heavenly land from ours.
- 3 Sweet fields, beyond the swelling flood,  
Stand dressed in living green;  
So to the Jews old Canaan stood,  
While Jordan rolled between.
- 4 But timorous mortals start and shrink,  
To cross this narrow sea;  
And linger, shivering, on the brink,  
And fear to launch away.
- 5 Oh could we make our doubts remove,  
These gloomy doubts that rise,  
And view the Canaan that we love  
With unclouded eyes,—
- 6 Could we but climb where Moses stood,  
And view the landscape o'er,  
Not Jordan's stream, nor death's cold flood,  
Should fright us from the shore.

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P. M., 8s &amp; 6s.

**T**HERE is an hour of peaceful rest,  
To mourning wanderers given;  
There is a joy for souls distressed,  
A balm for every wounded breast—  
'Tis found above—in heaven.

- 2 There is a soft, a downy bed,  
'Tis fair as breath of even;  
A couch for weary mortals spread,  
Where they may rest the aching head,  
And find repose in heaven.
- 3 There is a home for weary souls,  
By sin and sorrow driven;  
When tossed on life's tempestuous shoals,  
Where storms arise and ocean rolls,  
And all is drear but heaven.
- 4 There faith lifts up her cheerful eye,  
To brighter prospects given;  
And views the tempest passing by,  
The evening shadows quickly fly,  
And all serene in heaven.
- 5 There fragrant flowers immortal bloom,  
And joys supreme are given;  
There joys divine disperse the gloom:—  
Beyond the confines of the tomb  
Appears the dawn of heaven.

456

C. M.

**T**HERE is an hour of hallowed peace  
For those with care oppressed,  
When sighs and sorrowing tears shall cease,  
And all be hushed to rest:

- 2 'Tis then the soul is freed from fears,  
And doubts that here annoy:

Then they that oft had sown in tears  
Shall reap again in joy.

- 3 There is a home of sweet repose,  
Where storms assail no more;  
The stream of endless pleasure flows  
On that celestial shore:
- 4 There purity with love appears,  
And bliss without alloy;  
There they that oft had sown in tears  
Shall reap eternal joy.

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11s &amp; 5s.

**T**RANQUIL and peaceful is the path of  
heaven,  
Where now so many, fresh from earth's  
ripe vintage  
So many happy, high and blessed spirits  
Wait to receive us.

- 2 There life is blissful! shall the spirit  
tremble?  
Bright, heavenly angels wait to lead us  
yonder;  
There dwell the spirits purified by suffering,  
Blessing and blessed.
- 3 There our lost rose-buds in our hands shall  
open;  
Love, pure and holy, in our bosoms  
glowing,  
Flows from the Father, source of every  
blessing,  
Living and loving.

458

C. M.

**C**OME, Lord, and warm each languid  
heart,  
Inspire each lifeless tongue;  
And let the joys of heaven impart  
Their influence to our song.



- 2 Sorrow, and pain, and every care,  
And discord there shall cease;  
And perfect joy, and love sincere,  
Adorn the realms of peace.
- 3 The soul from sin for ever free,  
Shall mourn its power no more;  
But, clothed in spotless purity,  
Redeeming love adore.
- 4 There on a throne (how dazzling bright!)  
Th' exalted Saviour shines;  
And beams ineffable delight  
On all the heavenly minds.
- 5 There shall the followers of the Lamb  
Join in immortal songs,  
And endless honors to His name  
Employ their tuneful tongues
- 6 Lord, tune our hearts to praise and love,  
Our feeble notes inspire;  
Till, in Thy blissful courts above,  
We join th' angelic choir.

## DISMISSIONS.

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**L**ORD, dismiss us with Thy blessing—  
Fill our hearts with joy and peace;  
Let us each, Thy love possessing,  
Triumph in redeeming grace;  
Oh refresh us!  
Traveling through this wilderness.

- 2 Thanks we give, and adoration,  
For Thy gospel's joyful sound;  
May the fruits of Thy salvation  
In our hearts and lives abound:  
May Thy presence  
With us evermore be found.

- 3 So, whene'er the signal's given,  
 Us from earth to call away,  
 Borne on angels' wings to heaven,  
 Glad to leave our cumbrous clay,  
 May we, ready,  
 Rise and reign in endless day!

460

P. M.

- W**HEN shall we meet again?  
 Meet ne'er to sever?  
 When will peace wreath her chain  
 Round us for ever?  
 Our hearts will ne'er repose  
 Safe from each blast that blows  
 In this dark vale of woes,  
 Never, no, never!
- 2 When shall love freely flow  
 Pure as life's river?  
 When shall sweet friendship glow,  
 Changeless for ever?  
 Where the joys celestial thrill,  
 Where bliss each heart shall fill,  
 And fears of parting chill  
 Never—no, never!
- 3 Up to that world of light  
 Take us, dear Saviour;  
 May we all there unite,  
 Happy for ever;  
 Where kindred spirits dwell,  
 There may our music swell,  
 And time our joys dispel  
 Never—no, never!
- 4 Soon shall we meet again,  
 Meet ne'er to sever;  
 Soon shall peace wreath her chain  
 Round us for ever;

Our hearts will then repose  
 Secure from worldly woes ;  
 Our songs of praise shall close  
 Never—no, never !

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7s.

**W**HEN shall we all meet again?  
 When shall we all meet again?  
 Oft shall glowing hope expire ;  
 Oft shall wearied love retire,  
 Oft shall death and sorrow reign,  
 Ere we all shall meet again.

2 Though on foreign shore we sigh,  
 Far remote our native sky ;  
 Though the depths between us roll,  
 Hope shall anchor there our soul,  
 And in faith's well-known domain,  
 Within the veil, we'll meet again.

3 When the dreams of life are fled,  
 When its wasted lamps are dead,  
 When in cold oblivion's shade  
 Beauty, wealth, and fame are laid,  
 Where immortal spirits reign,  
 Thither soar, to meet again !

462

L. M.

**C**HRISTIANS and brethren ! ere we  
 part,  
 Join every voice and every heart ;  
 One solemn hymn to God we'll raise,  
 One final song of grateful praise.

2 Christians ! we here may meet no more,  
 But there is yet a happier shore ;  
 And there, released from toil and pain,  
 Dear brethren ; we shall meet again.

- 3 Now to our God, the Three in One,  
Be everlasting glory done;  
Raise ye, His saints, the sound again,  
Ye nations, join the loud Amen.

463

S. M

**O**NCE more, before we part,  
Great God, attend our prayer,  
And seal the gospel on the heart  
Of all assembled here.

- 2 And if we meet no more  
On Zion's holy ground,  
Oh may we reach that blissful shore  
Whither Thy saints are bound.

464

L. M.

**E**RE to the world again we go,  
Its pleasures, cares, and idle show,  
Thy grace, once more, O God, we crave,  
From folly and from sin to save.

- 2 May the great truths we here have heard—  
The lessons of Thy holy word—  
Dwell in our inmost bosoms deep,  
And all our souls from error keep.
- 3 Oh may the influence of this day  
Long as our memory with us stay,  
And as an angel guardian prove,  
To guide us to our home above.

465

8s &amp; 7s.

**M**AY the grace of Christ our Saviour,  
And the Father's boundless love,  
With the Holy Spirit's favor,  
Rest upon us from above.

- 2 Thus may we abide in union  
 With each other and the Lord,  
 And possess, in sweet communion,  
 Joys which earth cannot afford.

## DOXOLOGIES.

- 1 L. M.  
**P**RAISE God, from whom all blessings  
 flow,  
 Praise Him, all creatures here below;  
 Praise Him above, ye heavenly host;  
 Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost!

- 2 C. M.  
**N**OW let the Father and the Son  
 And Spirit be adored,  
 Where there are works to make Him  
 known,  
 Or saints to love the Lord.

- 3 S. M.  
**Y**E angels round the throne,  
 And saints that dwell below,  
 Worship the Father, praise the Son,  
 And bless the Spirit too.

- 4 7s.  
**S**ING we to our God above,  
 Praise eternal as His love;  
 Praise Him, all ye heavenly host,  
 Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.

- 5 8s, 7s & 4s.  
**G**REAT Jehovah! we adore Thee,  
 God the Father—God the Son—  
 God the Spirit—joined in glory,  
 On the same eternal throne;  
 Endless praises  
 To Jehovah, three in one.

6

8s &amp; 7s.

**T**O Father, Son, and Holy Ghost,  
While angels bow before Him,  
With joy let all the ransomed host  
Sing praises and adore Him.

7

8s &amp; 7s.

**P**RAISE the God of our salvation;  
Praise the Father's boundless love;  
Praise the Lamb, our expiation;  
Praise the Spirit from above,—  
Author of the new creation,—  
Him by whom our spirits live;  
Undivided adoration  
To the one Jehovah give.

8

8s.

**A**LL praise to the Father, the Son,  
And Spirit, thrice holy and blest,  
Th' eternal, supreme Three in One,  
Was, is, and shall still be addressed.

9

7s &amp; 6s.

**A**LL ye who grace inherit,  
The God of grace adore!  
To Father, Son, and Spirit  
Give praise for evermore!  
Of mercies here, the treasure  
Demands our praise and love;  
And praise shall be our pleasure  
Before His throne above.

10

H. M.

**T**O God the Father's throne  
Your highest honors raise;  
Glory to God the Son;  
To God the Spirit praise;  
With all our powers, eternal King,  
Thy name we sing, while faith adores.

11

L. P. M.

NOW to the great and sacred Three,  
The Father, Son, and Spirit, be  
Eternal praise and glory given,—  
Through all the worlds where God is  
known,  
By all the angels near the throne,  
And all the saints in earth and heaven!

12

C. P. M.

TO Father, Son, and Holy Ghost,  
The God whom heaven's triumphant  
host  
And saints on earth adore;  
Be glory as in ages past,  
As now it is, and so shall last  
When time shall be no more.

13

11s.

O FATHER Almighty, to Thee be ad-  
dressed,  
With Christ and the Spirit, one God, ever  
blest,  
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# PRAYERS.

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## PART I.

*Prayers for the Use of Families.*

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### 1

*Prayer for the Lord's-Day Morning.*

ALMIGHTY God, the Father of our spirits, who art good to all Thy creatures; unto Thee would we lift up our souls, and magnify Thy name together.

Thou hast made us, and not we ourselves; we are Thy people, and the children of Thy family. We will serve Thee with gladness, and come into Thy presence with thanksgiving.

Thine is the greatness, and the power, and the glory, and the majesty. Every conceivable perfection centres in Thy character. The earth is full of Thy goodness; in Thee we live, and move, and have our being. Through the care of Thy providence we continue to this day. It is of Thy mercies that we are not consumed; they are new every morning; great is Thy faithfulness. We have slept in safety, and are risen in peace, for Thou hast sustained us. We rejoice in

Thy providence, and give thanks unto Thee with our whole hearts.

While we praise Thee, heavenly Father, for the light of the sun, we would bless Thee, more especially, for the light of the gospel of Christ Jesus, the Sun of Righteousness. We bless Thee, that we are called to be His disciples and partakers of His resurrection and glory. We bless Thee, that notwithstanding our unworthiness, Thou hast still continued unto us the means of true religion, and dost from time to time permit us to unite with our brethren in the public services of Thy house. We bless Thee for the return of this day of sacred rest, and we desire to spend it in the performance of those duties for which it is set apart. Help us, we beseech Thee, to attend with earnestness to the things that concern our everlasting peace. Grant that all our sentiments, words, and actions may be holy and unblamable in Thy sight. Direct us in our private meditations and in the study of Thy word. Fill us with the spirit of devotion in the society of our fellow-worshippers, and open our minds to the truths which may be proposed to us from the sacred oracles of revelation. By attending upon the ordinances of religion this day, may we grow wiser and better, more pure and holy, more meek and humble, more resigned and thankful, and more heartily disposed to follow Christ and to keep His commandments.

Merciful God, we beseech Thee to communicate the happiness, which we enjoy as men and Christians, to all our brethren. Comfort those who are bowed down by want or sorrow. Let this be a day of improvement and holy pleasure to every congrega-

tion of those who profess the name of Thy Son. Enlighten and cheer the minds, and prosper the labors of all the ministers of Thy word. Cause Thy name to be known in all the earth, and let the whole world be filled with Thy glory, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

## 2

*Prayer for the Lord's-Day Evening.*

**O** GOD, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, by whose goodness we have been preserved, we come before Thee to acknowledge the riches of Thy grace. Thy name is excellent; Thy works are marvellous; in Thy favor there is life; and much peace have they who love Thy laws. We thank Thee for all the happiness of our lives, for the stores of nature, for the advantages of society, for the comforts of friendship, and for the satisfactions which flow from our domestic relations. We thank Thee for every opportunity of improving our mental faculties, for the inestimable discoveries and hopes of Thy gospel, and for the appointment of public worship. We thank Thee for the blessings bestowed upon us this sacred day. We are ashamed to reflect with how little ardor we engage in Thy work, and acknowledge before Thee our manifold errors and sins. Thou pure and perfect Spirit, forgive of Thine infinite compassion any distraction of mind or coldness of affection which may have attended the discharge of our religious duties; and assist us to love Thee more and to serve Thee better in the time to come. Preserve us from

being satisfied with the form of godliness. Whatever seeds of truth may have fallen into our hearts, grant that they may take deep root and be abundantly fruitful. By the lessons we have learnt, prepare us for resuming and prosecuting our worldly employments with a becoming frame of mind; and help us to pass through every future scene of life under the guidance of Christian principles.

Whilst Thou shalt see fit to continue us in this world, it is our earnest desire and steadfast resolution to answer the ends for which Thou hast made us. In the presence of each other, and before Thee, the all-seeing witness and judge, we do at this time form the most serious purpose to guard against all vicious appetites and passions, to behave with fidelity, prudence, and kindness towards one another, to be diligent in the business of our several stations, to perform every social office with conscientious care, and to remember the account which we must render unto Thee for our deportment here.

Strengthen us by Thy Spirit, O God, in this resolution. Protect us this night against the dangers to which we may be exposed. And, when death shall be our lot, enable us to observe its approach with composure, and receive us into Thy presence, where there is fullness of joy, through Jesus Christ our Lord and Saviour. Amen.

## 3

*Prayer for Monday Morning.*

**O** THOU Creator, Governor, and supporter of men! Thou dwellest in light, and art the Father of lights. Grateful for the care



which Thou hast exercised over us during the night past, we would cheerfully submit ourselves to Thy guidance through the day upon which we have entered. Keep us in Thy faith and fear, and secure us from every evil of soul and body. Impress on our hearts a solemn sense of Thy universal presence. Preserve us from any snares which may lie in our way, and especially from the sins which most easily beset us. Prepare us for new occurrences, whether prosperous or adverse, and quicken us in the discharge of every obligation. Let not continued peace and comfort make us forgetful of Thee, or corrupt our minds.

Thou prolongest our lives, that we may attain more and more the true end of life. May this day witness some improvement in knowledge, piety, and virtue. May it witness our diligence in that occupation to which Thou hast called us. We desire and purpose to keep our consciences void of offence: but the experience which we have had of our frailty makes us diffident of our strength. Our confidence is in Thy power to confirm our faith and invigorate our obedience. We implore Thine aid, that we may run in the way of Thy commandments. Smile on our endeavors after righteousness and usefulness. Teach us to feel the whole value of our days on earth; and when they shall be finished, vouchsafe to receive us into the light and bliss of Thy glorious presence, through Jesus Christ Thy Son, our Lord. Amen.

## 4

## Prayer for Monday Evening.

**O** THOU infinitely great Triune Jehovah, Maker of heaven and earth! Thou art ever present to all Thy creatures. Thou knowest our down-sitting and our up-rising; Thou compassest our path and our lying down, and art acquainted with all our ways.

Preserver of men! at the close of another day, we would render unto Thee our thanks for all the mercies by which our lives have been supported and rendered happy. Thy sun has cheered us with its rays, Thine air has fanned the spark of life within us, and by Thy goodness we have been fed with food convenient for us. In grateful confidence of Thy mercies, we will now lay ourselves down in peace; assured, that, if it be Thy will, we shall sleep in safety, and rise on another morning with renewed health and vigor. Forgive the transgressions of the past day and of all past time. Whatever has been irregular in our dispositions, whatever we have done which we ought not to have done, or omitted which we ought to have performed, be pleased mercifully to pardon; and grant that our circumspection in future may be increased.

Hitherto Thou hast helped us, provided for our necessities, and crowned our lives with loving-kindness. Truly our hope is in Thee, and under the shadow of Thy wings will we put our trust. We dedicate ourselves unto Thee as our God and guide through life, our support and comfort in death, and after death our everlasting portion and felicity. Let Thy goodness continue to follow

us; and enable us to express our thankfulness by a growing holiness and resemblance of Thee.

Holy Watchman of Thy people, who dost never slumber nor sleep, Thou King eternal, immortal and invisible, unto Thee be honor and glory for ever and ever. Amen.

## 5

*Prayer for Tuesday Morning.*

**A**LMIGHTY and everlasting God, we Thy needy creatures render Thee our humble praise for Thy preservation of us from the beginning of our lives to this day, and especially for having delivered us from the dangers of the past night. To Thy watchful providence we owe it, that we have been kept in safety, and that no disturbance hath come nigh our dwelling. For these Thy mercies we bless and praise Thee, beseeching Thee to accept this morning sacrifice. And since it is of Thy goodness, O gracious Father, that our existence is prolonged, we here devote both our bodies and souls to Thy service, in a godly, righteous, and sober life. Strengthen us, we beseech Thee, in this resolution; that, as we grow in age, we may grow in grace and in the knowledge of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. Have compassion, we pray Thee, on our infirmities; and give us the constant assistance of Thy Holy Spirit, that we may be effectually restrained from sin and excited to our duty. Imprint upon our hearts such a dread of Thy displeasure, such a remembrance of the great day of judgment, and such a grateful sense

of Thy goodness to us, as may make us both afraid and ashamed to offend Thee. Keep us temperate in our enjoyments and diligent in our callings, just and upright in our dealings, peaceable, compassionate, and ready to do good to all men. Direct us in all our ways; prosper the work of our hands; defend us from calamities and sufferings; or, if Thou shalt be pleased to visit us with them, enable us to bear them with patience, and to be contented with our condition. These things, and whatever else is necessary and good for us, we implore, with humble reliance upon Thine infinite clemency in Christ Jesus our Mediator and Redeemer. Amen.

## 6

## Prayer for Tuesday Evening.

**M**OST merciful God, who art of purer eyes than to behold iniquity, and hast promised forgiveness to all those who confess and forsake their sins, we come before Thee sensible of our own unworthiness, and acknowledge our numerous transgressions of Thy righteous laws. Look upon us, we beseech Thee, with compassion; pardon, of Thy free grace, all our errors and sins; give us proper views of the great evil of them; amend the tempers and dispositions of our souls; and cleanse us from all vicious thoughts, unlawful designs, and inordinate desires. May we never suffer the sun to go down upon our wrath, but always retire to our rest in peace, charity, and good-will, with a conscience void of offence towards Thee and towards men.

Accept, Heavenly Father, our intercessions for all mankind. Be gracious, blessed Saviour, unto Thy church. Enlighten the nations, Holy Spirit, with the gospel of Jesus. Bless, Thou Triune God, all in authority over us; do good to our relations, friends, and neighbors; reward our benefactors; pardon those who have done or wish us evil, and give them better minds; be merciful to all who are in any trouble; and minister to their several necessities.

Receive our thanks, great God, for our being, our reason, our health, our friends, our food, our raiment, and all the other comforts and conveniences of life. Above all, we adore Thy mercy in sending Thine only Son to redeem us from sin and eternal death, and to give us the knowledge of our duty to Thee. We bless Thee for Thy patience with us, notwithstanding our many and great provocations; for all the directions, assistances, and comforts of Thy Holy Spirit; and for all the benefits and favors of Thy Son. Continue them to us, we beseech Thee; and give us grace to show our thankfulness by sincere obedience to Thy laws.

Defend us this night from all dangers and mischiefs, and bestow on us such refreshing sleep as may fit us for the duties of the following day, if it shall please Thee to prolong our lives. Make us ever mindful of the time when we shall lie down in the dust; and grant us grace always to live in such a manner that we may never be afraid to die. Whether living or dying, may we be Thine, through the mediation of Thy Son Jesus Christ, in whose name we offer up these our imperfect prayers. Amen.

*Prayer for Wednesday Morning.*

**L**ORD God Almighty, we will praise Thee with our whole hearts, and show forth Thy goodness to the children of men.

Thou hast placed the sun and the moon in the heavens, to give light upon the earth, and to rule over the day and the night. All creatures wait upon Thee, and Thou givest them their meat in due season.

Thou hast preserved us and provided for us in the helpless state of infancy, and guided us in the dangerous paths of youth. Thou hast supplied our daily wants, and brought us to the present moment in peace and safety. Through the darkness of the night, Thine eye has been upon us; and we appear before Thee this morning surrounded with the gifts of Thy bounty.

Accept, O merciful Father, our unfeigned thanksgivings for these, and for all our spiritual blessings; and help us so to improve and apply them that we may be happy in Thy favor, both in this world and that which is to come.

May we be in Thy fear all the day long, serve Thee with pure affection, and enjoy the good things of life in innocence. In our domestic relations, may we be all of one mind, love as brethren, and live in peace; that Thou, the God of peace and love, mayest be with us. May all holy dispositions be established in our souls, and our lives be adorned with all good actions. May we rejoice habitually in Thy government, and in the hope of Thine approbation; and finally be received into Thine everlasting kingdom,

through Thy grace in Thy blessed Son, our Saviour, Jesus Christ. Amen.

## 8

*Prayer for Wednesday Evening.*

**O** MOST merciful and gracious God, we Thy servants present ourselves before Thee, this evening, to render thanks unto Thee for all Thy mercies, to confess our sins, to renew our good resolutions, and to commend ourselves to the care of Thy providence.

Blessed be Thy name, and the name of Thy Son, our Saviour, for all the powers, supports, and enjoyments of our nature; for all our opportunities of securing happiness; for our advantages as the disciples of Thy Son; for His doctrines, precepts, example, sufferings, and resurrection. Great is Thy goodness to us and to all the children of men; and we confess that we are not worthy of the mercies which we have received at Thy hands. In many things we have all offended. Thou knowest our follies, and our sins are not hidden from Thee. We acknowledge them with sorrow and penitence; we desire to walk before Thee in newness of life; and we beseech Thee, who despisest not a contrite heart, to pardon all our iniquities and to be merciful unto us.

Teach us, O God, to discern between good and evil; and enable us, in the midst of the temptations of the world, to hold fast our integrity and to persevere in well-doing. Grant that neither hope nor fear may ever lead us to desire or to do what Thou forbiddest.

Help us to be harmless and undefiled, to aim continually at the mark of our high calling, and to fight the good fight of faith, that we may obtain the prize.

Our outward circumstances in life we leave entirely to the disposal of Thy wisdom and goodness. We commit ourselves to Thy care through the ensuing night and the remainder of our days, with a steadfast persuasion that, if it be best for us, Thou wilt defend us from evil. Whatever Thou shalt appoint, help us to place our whole confidence in Thee. Leave us not, neither forsake us, O Thou God of our salvation. Bless our friends, and guide them by Thine unerring Spirit. Have pity upon all to whom wearisome nights and restless days are appointed. And raise all men to that land of perfect felicity, where Jesus, our Lord and King, reigns for ever and ever. Amen.

## 9

*Prayer for Thursday Morning.*

**O** GOD, the Giver of all good, who dearest in the happiness of Thy creatures, we would raise our hearts to Thee in the exercise of devout affections. Having daily united to partake of Thy bounty, we would unite to give our thanks unto Thee.

Thou hast been continually with us, rejoicing to do us good; and Thy mercies are more than can be numbered. Thou hast upheld our souls in life, and been our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble. Thou hast continually fed and clothed us, and given us many things to enjoy. When



we lie down to rest, Thou art our defence; and when we awake, we are still with Thee. Thou art leading us by the mediation of Thy Son to a better world, and causing all things to work together for our good.

Father, we praise Thee and rejoice in Thy goodness; and we desire at all times to approve ourselves unto Thee. Preserve us, we beseech Thee, from every secret sin. Dispose and assist us to keep our hearts and to watch over our tongues. Enable us faithfully to obey Thee in every situation, and fill our minds with religious veneration and gratitude. Grant that we may heartily unite our endeavors to promote each other's happiness, bear with each other's infirmities, reprove each other in the spirit of meekness, put away all pride and envy, all discontent and fretfulness, all suspicion and jealousy, and travel together with increasing affection to the land of everlasting joy and love.

Encouraged by our past experience, we humbly commit our persons and concerns to Thy direction, and confide in thine unbounded mercy, as revealed and pledged to us in Jesus Christ, Thy Son our Lord. Amen.

## 10

### *Prayer for Thursday Evening.*

**A**LMIGHTY God, who art the Rewarder of all them that diligently seek Thee, receive in mercy the prayers and the praises of Thy children.

We adore Thee as the greatest and the best of beings, the source of all power, wisdom, goodness, and happiness. Without Thee we

can do nothing ; and on Thee we depend from day to day. Thine energy sustains, Thy presence animates, Thy gracious influence blesses the universe. Our times are in Thy hands ; our advantages and sorrows are dispensed by Thy providence. Thy mercy has given us a Redeemer, who is able to save unto the uttermost ; and Thine unmerited love adds to our days and satisfactions, that we may be drawn to devote our hearts to Thy service.

We confess, O Lord, that we have disobeyed Thy laws and been unmindful of Thy goodness. We lament with sincere sorrow our errors and transgressions. We desire to forsake every evil way ; and we humbly trust in Thy grace for the forgiveness of our sins. Being justified by faith, may we have peace with Thee, be saved from the dominion of vice, and be filled with the fruits of Thy Spirit. May we be at all times sensible of the vanity of the world, of the deceitfulness of sin, and of its certain tendency to make us miserable. May we entertain just convictions of the worth of our own souls, and of the value and importance of the glory to which we are called. May we set our affections upon the things above, be armed against the allurements and terrors of this transitory state, and hold ourselves in constant readiness to depart hence and to stand before our Judge.

Keep us this night, Almighty Guardian, under Thy watchful eye. If it be agreeable to Thy will, let no evil befall us or ours. Have mercy upon those for whose welfare we feel particularly solicitous. Comfort and sustain all who are in trouble and adversity. Order all things for us as seemeth right in

Thy sight; and do us good now and evermore according to Thy promises declared unto us by Jesus Christ our Lord. And to Him, with Thee, the Father, and the Holy Spirit, be glory, honor and blessing for ever and ever. Amen.

## 11

*Prayer for Friday Morning.*

**E**TERNAL and incomprehensible Jehovah, Father and Friend of the children of men, we would acknowledge Thy perfections and feel our dependence on Thee. Thou art from everlasting to everlasting, and with Thee there is no variableness nor shadow of turning. Thou art the righteous Lord, whose countenance beholdeth the upright. Thou acceptest not the persons of men, but wilt render unto the rich and the poor according to their works. Thou art good, and ever ready to forgive the penitent.

We thank Thee, Lord of heaven and earth, for all that Thou hast done for us. Thou hast brought us into life, and continually watched over us. Thou hast again preserved us, and granted us the refreshment of quiet repose. Through Thy goodness we appear before Thee at this time, in health and ease, with the free use of our reason, and in the enjoyment of many blessings. What shall we render unto Thee for all Thy benefits? We desire to show forth Thy praise, not only with our lips, but in our lives; and to spend this day, and the remainder of our days, in a uniform obedience to Thy holy commands.

Incline our hearts, we beseech Thee, to Thy precepts. Endue us with that simplicity and godly sincerity, which are well-pleasing unto Thee. Teach us to live by the faith of Thy Son, who hath loved us and given Himself for us. Preserve us from thinking of ourselves more highly than we ought to think, and clothe us with the ornament of a meek and quiet spirit. Assist us to take heed unto our ways, to direct our affairs with discretion, to be temperate in all things, to walk within our house with perfect hearts, and to order our whole conversation and conduct according to Thy will.

Through all the changes of our lives, grant, O God, that we may be without covetousness, receive Thy gifts with thankful hearts, enjoy them with sobriety and benevolence, and endure afflictions with such patience that they may work out for us a far more exceeding and eternal weight of glory. And unto Thee, the God of all consolation and grace in Christ Jesus, be endless honor and praise. Amen.

## 12

### Prayer for Friday Evening.

**A**Lmighty God, the Parent of all the families of the earth, we Thy children unite to present unto Thee the tribute justly due to Thy name.

We thank Thee that Thou hast created us in Thine own image, made us capable of knowledge and wisdom, endowed us with social affections, and implanted in us a sense of good and evil. We praise Thee for our continual support, and acknowledge that Thou

daily loadest us with benefits. Above all, we bless Thee for Thine inestimable love in sending Thine only-begotten Son to instruct, to guide, to save us from sin and misery, and to elevate us to an inheritance which is incorruptible in heaven. We will bless Thee, O Lord, at all times; Thy praise shall be continually in our mouths.

While we acknowledge before Thee, O God, Thine incessant bounty and eternal love, we confess with shame that we have not been as careful to improve and make suitable returns for them as it was our duty to be. Though Thou hast nourished and brought us up as children, we have rebelled against Thee. But we desire to become wiser and better; and we beseech Thee, who art slow to anger, to pardon all our transgressions. O Lord, show Thy mercy upon us, and grant us Thy salvation.

Lead us by Thy gracious hand in the path of our duty; and, in the time of temptation let Thy good Spirit be with us, to keep us from falling. May our minds be purified from all sinful affections, and be deeply impressed and regularly influenced by every religious truth. May we be steadfast and immovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord.

Thou art the Protector of all that put their trust in Thee. We pray Thee to show compassion to such as are in pain, sickness, or distress. We commend ourselves, our friends, and all our concerns to Thy holy keeping. Defend us by Thy power, direct us by Thy wisdom, provide for us by Thy goodness; and, when our heart and our flesh shall fail, be Thou, O God, the strength of our hearts

and our portion for ever. And to Thee, the Father, Son, and Holy Ghost, be praise now and evermore. Amen.

## 13

*Prayer for Saturday Morning.*

**O** GOD, who givest unto all creatures life, and breath, and all things, we Thy servants would reverence Thine infinite perfections, and adore Thee as the fountain of all virtue and felicity.

Thou art the same in power, wisdom, and goodness, throughout all generations. Thou upholdest every being by Thy mighty word, and preservest the regular succession of day and night, of summer and winter, of seed-time and harvest. By Thine appointment, the sun ariseth, and man goeth forth to his work. The earth is Thine and the fullness thereof.

Blessed be Thou, our merciful Father, for the protection afforded us, for the refreshment of sleep, for our measure of ease and health, for every present comfort, and for all our hopes of future good. To Thy tender compassion alone we ascribe them, and are sensible of the vast obligation which they lay upon us to love and serve Thee with every faculty of our bodies and souls.

Let the consciousness of the homage and fidelity we owe to Thee accompany us wherever we go, that we may live in all good conscience; and that, whether we eat or drink, or whatever we do, we may do all to Thy glory. Teach us to be prudent in ordering our affairs, industrious in performing the

business of our stations, moderate in our desires, and innocent in our enjoyments, careful in redeeming the time, resigned under chastisement, courteous and candid to all around us, equitable and compassionate to those with whom we shall have to deal, grateful to our friends and benefactors, and generous and forgiving to any that may injure or offend us. Let the same mind be in us which was also in Christ Jesus. Enable us heartily to rejoice in His salvation, and cause all things to work together for our eternal welfare, through Jesus Christ, our Lord and Saviour. Amen.

## 14

*Prayer for Saturday Evening.*

**G**REAT and glorious God, the heavens are Thy throne, and the earth is Thy footstool. Thou art nigh unto all them that call upon Thee in sincerity and truth. Thou art conducting Thy children in the path of peace; and Thou continually affordest them the supplies which they need.

We thank Thee that we have been preserved through another day and another week. We thank Thee that Thine arm has been our support, Thy shield our defence, Thy Providence and Spirit our guardian and guide. We thank Thee for our personal and family blessings (for our deliverance from dangers and calamities), and for every agreeable and happy circumstance of our condition. We thank Thee, above all, that we are brought to the knowledge of Thee and of Jesus Christ whom Thou hast sent; that we

have the promises of Thy mercy; and that, though this frail existence is fleeting away, we have the assured hope of immortal felicity. Thy compassions fail not, great God, though our days on earth are diminishing. Be Thou exalted above the heavens! and be Thy sacred name praised for ever and ever!

Merciful Father! blot out, we pray Thee, the sins that have been committed by us in the week which is now drawing to a close, and in the whole course of our departed days. We lament that we have often been led astray, and have been chargeable with many negligences and omissions. We confess them unto Thee with an humble and contrite spirit; and beseech Thee to cleanse our consciences from evil works, to lift on us the light of Thy countenance, and to give us the blessedness of those whose transgressions are covered.

Dispose us to realize fully that we are the monuments of Thy sparing mercy, in order that our hearts may be consecrated to Thee. Illuminate our minds with Thy heavenly truth. Preserve us from all false judgments concerning the ends of living and the way to happiness. - Secure us from the influence of vain customs and evil examples. Increase our faith; enliven our hope; enlarge our charity; inspire us with every pious, virtuous, and amiable disposition; and help us to become Christians, not only in name, but in deed.

Another step has been taken towards eternity; week after week, and month after month, are passing away; and we know that our times are in Thy hand, and that there may be to us but a few more days in this



world. Gracious God, suffer us not to forget the shortness of life, or the solemnities of judgment and eternity. Prepare us to meet our last end with a serene and peaceful mind. Incline us so to pass through things temporal that we may not forget the things which are eternal. Help us to love each other as beings who have each other's immortal happiness at heart; and, after we shall have been separated from one another by death, be pleased to unite us in holy fellowship before the throne of God and the Lamb.

We commend our bodies and our souls to Thy care; and beseech Thee to do good unto all men. We offer up these our prayers in the name of Jesus, through whom we trust that we shall be pardoned and accepted, and to whom, with Thee, the Father and the Holy Spirit be honor and glory now and evermore. Amen.

## 15

*Grace Before and After Meat.*

**A**LMIGHTY Father! the blessings which we are about to receive, are Thy gifts. May they be enjoyed with a sense of Thy love to us and all mankind. Amen.

WE acknowledge, heavenly Father, that Thou art the source of all our enjoyments. Help us to receive Thy bounty with grateful, contented, and obedient hearts, through Jesus Christ, Thy Son. Amen.

THE eyes of all wait upon Thee, O Lord; and Thou givest them their meat in due

season. Thou openest Thy hand, and satisfiest the desire of every living thing. Amen.

BLESSED be Thy name, O Thou Author of all good, for this present refreshment and for all other mercies. May they strengthen us to the performance of every duty as disciples of Thy Son. Amen.

THOU hast afforded us another proof of Thy benevolent care, O Thou Parent of men! May it fill us with gratitude to Thee, and dispose us to be kind to others, even as Thou art kind unto us. Amen.

THOU, Lord, art our Shepherd; we shall not want. May we never be wanting in our duty to Thee; and may Thy mercy follow us all the days of our lives. Amen.

DIVINE Benefactor! Thou hast blessed our labors for the meat which perisheth. Help us to labor successfully for that meat which endureth unto everlasting life. Amen.

## 16

*Prayer for a Family at the Close of the Year.*

ETERNAL Jehovah, in Thee we live and move and have our being. In Thy hand is our breath; it is because Thou hast sustained us that we have continued to this day. With praise to Thee, the God of our lives, and to Thy Son, the Saviour of our souls, we come into Thy presence; with thanks to Thee, the unfailing source of mercy! Thou didst bring us into this world, and place us

on this stage of action. Thou didst uphold us in the helpless days of infancy, and preserve us from the innumerable evils to which we were then exposed. We tasted of Thy bounty before we were capable of perceiving the hand from which it came. With every returning year Thy favors have been multiplied upon us. Thou hast been with us and hast helped us in all our troubles. Often hast Thou healed our diseases, removed our sorrows, and renewed our strength. Thy candle has shined upon our tabernacle; Thy corn has nourished us; Thy smiles have gladdened our hearts. Whilst many have been cut off and have passed into an awful eternity, we are yet numbered with the living. Whilst thousands have fallen at our right hand and our left, we continue to stand witnesses that Thou art good to the evil and unthankful. Through the riches of Thy forbearance and long-suffering, Thou art continuing us in a state of trial, giving to us space for repentance, and favoring us with Thy holy gospel and with all necessary means of grace and reformation.

God of compassion, take not Thy Spirit from us. Continue to us Thy heavenly blessings. Prepare us for future changes in our condition, and let them be sanctified to our truest interest and happiness. We commit ourselves to Thy care; we devote ourselves to Thy service; we refer all events concerning us to Thine infinite wisdom and fatherly goodness. Lead us seasonably to consider the things which belong to our peace. Give us realizing views of death and a judgment to come. Enable us to depart from the world, when Thou shalt call us away, with

tranquillity and comfort of mind, exempt from the terrors of guilt; and bring us to the enjoyment of Thy favor in the realms of glory, through the mediation of Jesus Christ, Thy Son, our Lord. Amen.

## 17

*Prayer for a Family at the Beginning of the Year.*

**A**LMIGHTY God, God of the spirits of all flesh, Preserver and Ruler of the children of men, hear in mercy Thy servants, who raise their hearts unto Thee. We acknowledge, that, in seasons past, we have often been too earnest about the things of sense and time, too regardless of the objects of faith and futurity. We confess that we have too often walked in a vain show, and disquieted ourselves in vain. We cannot attempt to deny that we have been frequently undutiful and unthankful. Wouldst Thou judge us without mercy, we should be utterly destitute of hope. Wouldst Thou deal with us according to our sins, we should be miserable indeed. But we rejoice that Thou desirest not the ruin of Thy creatures, but rather that they should repent and live. It is our desire to cast off all the unfruitful works of darkness, and to walk as children of the light and of the day. It is our purpose that this year shall witness our greater reformation from every thing that is amiss in us, and our increasing improvement in the graces of the Christian character.

If it be consistent with the purposes of Thine inscrutable wisdom, we pray that our lives may be spared; not merely that we may

enjoy an animal existence, but that we may be furnished with an opportunity of doing good and becoming better. We commit all our concerns to Thee; and would submit to those circumstances which Thou, who alone knowest what is best for us, shalt ordain. If Thou wilt, we desire the continuance of health and comfort. If Thou shouldst send sickness or adversity to us, may we be prepared for these and all other changes of our situation. If it be Thy decree that this year any of us shall die, may we be ready for our departure. We dare not say that we will do this or that; but we would cherish one resolution, to become and always to be such persons as Thou shalt be pleased to approve.

Heavenly Father, do Thou preserve us from every injurious delay. Let not the night of darkness, in which no man can work, overtake us unawares. Forbid that we should ever presume on life, or boast of to-morrow, or be immoderately attached to earthly things. May we always do with diligence what Thou appointest us to perform. If death shall approach us by slow advances, may it find us well employed; and if we are suddenly called to exchange worlds, may it not be our lot to have treasured up fear and remorse. Hear us, we beseech Thee, in these our supplications, which we offer up in the name of our great Mediator. And unto Thee, the King eternal, immortal and invisible, with Jesus Christ our adorable Redeemer, and the Holy Spirit our Comforter, be honor and glory, for ever and ever. Amen.

## 18

## Prayer for a Family in Behalf of a Sick Person.

**O** GOD, who hast taught us, at all times and in every condition, to make our requests known unto Thee! We would adore Thee as the author and arbiter of life, and the disposer of sickness and of death. We offer up our humble supplications in behalf of Thy servant, who is laboring under pain and disease. Look down upon *him (her)* with mercy; let the consideration of Thy goodness and wisdom strengthen and comfort *his* soul; and let the precious doctrines and example of Thy Son enable *him* to suffer with patience. We pray, with submission to Thy providence, that Thou wouldst be pleased to remove *his* disorder, and restore *him* to health. Graciously prolong *his* days upon earth; and grant that *his* affliction may produce in *him* the fruits of righteousness, to the honor of Thy name. By the sadness of *his* countenance may *his* heart be made better; and may *he* long live, to manifest *his* thankfulness to Thee, and to do good in *his* generation.

But, if this affliction should be unto death, may Thy servant be prepared to give *himself* up into Thy hands, with Christian fortitude, in joyful expectation of Thy mercy unto eternal life. Give *him* unfeigned repentance for all his sins, and a firm reliance on Thy gracious promises in Christ Jesus our Lord. May the hope of Thy favor support *him* in *his* last hour; may *he* leave the world in peace of mind, and in charity with all men; and may *he* be received into Thy heavenly kingdom, and be made a partaker of that happiness, which eye hath not seen, nor ear

heard, and which it hath not entered into the heart of man to conceive.

O God teach us to be wise, console our hearts, and command Thy blessing upon Thy servant, even life evermore, through Jesus Christ our Lord and Saviour. Amen.

## 19

Prayer for a Family in Behalf of a Sick Child.

**A**LMIGHTY and most merciful God, Thou art the fountain of all good, the refuge of the distressed, the Friend and Comforter of those who look up to Thy throne for help. We would offer up our prayers unto Thee in behalf of the child on whom Thou hast seen fit to lay Thine afflicting hand. We beseech Thee, if it be consistent with Thy wise and holy will, to bless the means employed for *his* recovery, and to raise *him* up to health and strength. Suffer not the wishes of *his* parents to be disappointed; but in Thy great mercy spare *him* to be the comfort and support of their advancing years, and to glorify Thy name by obeying Thee and becoming useful in the world. But, whatever Thou hast determined concerning *him*, Thy will, O God, be done! Preserve us from fainting under Thy chastisements; and, if Thou takest *him* away from the world, vouchsafe to receive *his* soul into that blessed land where sorrow and death are unknown. Into Thy hands we commit *him*, ourselves, and all whom we love, and we humbly pray that, by all the dispensations of Thy Providence, we may be trained up for that state where Thou wilt wipe away all tears from the eyes

of mourners, and where pious friends and relations shall rejoice with each other for ever and ever, through Thine unspeakable love in Christ Jesus our Lord. Amen.

## 20

Thanksgiving of a Family for the Recovery of a Member of the Same from Dangerous Sickness.

**M**OST merciful and gracious God, the Creator and Preserver of the universe, we would raise our hearts with grateful sentiments unto Thee, from whom alone cometh our help. We acknowledge that Thou rulest over all; that of Thee, and through Thee, and to Thee are all things. Thou speakest, and it is done; Thou commandest, and it stands fast. The skill of the physician and the power of medicine are derived from Thee. It is Thou who healest all our diseases, who redeemest our lives from destruction, and renewest our strength; and to Thy name alone be all the glory and honor. We render unto Thee our united and hearty thanks for Thy great goodness, manifested to Thy servant, whom Thou hast been pleased to raise from the bed of sickness, and to restore to a capacity of performing the duties and enjoying the comforts of life. To Thy kind Providence we ascribe it that this affliction hath not been unto death, and that the voice of health and rejoicing is again heard in our habitation. We praise Thee, O Lord, for Thou hast dealt bountifully with us. May Thy servant, whom Thou hast rescued from the devouring grave, manifest *his* (*her*) sense of Thy loving kindness, by devoting the



remainder of *his* days to Thee, as a true disciple of *his* Master and Redeemer, in a constant obedience to Thy holy commandments. May the remembrance of what Thou hast done for *his* soul confirm and establish *his* good resolutions, and inspire *him* with a lively confidence in Thy protection and care. May this instance of Thy mercy to our family engage us all to love Thee with our whole hearts, and to rejoice in Thy Providence. While we have health and life may we never abuse or trifle with them, but be careful to improve them well, and promote each other's happiness to the utmost of our ability.

It is better to trust in Thee, O Lord, than to put confidence in man. Thou art our refuge and our God, and we will praise Thee. We will give thanks unto Thee; for Thou art good, and Thy mercy endureth for ever. Amen.

## 21

*A Prayer on the Death of any Person in a Family.*

**E**TERNAL God, without whose direction and providence nothing can happen to us in life or death, out of the depths of affliction and sorrow we lift up our souls unto Thee; for in Thee alone are our help and hope.

Our existence is in Thy hands, and all our enjoyments are at Thy disposal. Thou didst at first call us into being by Thy mighty power; and, when Thou takest away our breath we die and return to the dust.

In the midst of life we are in death. To whom may we seek for succor but unto Thee,

O Lord, who changest not, and who hast been the refuge of Thy children in all generations? The Lord liveth; let our hearts rejoice; and let the God of our salvation be for ever exalted. Under all the troubles of this life Thy mercy is our confidence and support. Even as a father pitieth his children, so Thou hast compassion upon the sons of men. Infinite wisdom and love direct all Thy dispensations. Behold Thy servants, O Lord; do with us whatsoever seemeth good in Thy sight. The Lord gave, and the Lord hath taken away: blessed be the name of the Lord. Blessed be Thy name, especially, that, according to Thine abundant mercy, Thou hast begotten us again, by the resurrection of Jesus Christ Thy Son, to the lively hope of an inheritance that is undefiled and fadeth not away.

Teach us, O most gracious God, by the instances of mortality which are before our eyes, and particularly by the present mournful event, to see how short and uncertain our abode on earth is, and so to number our days that we may apply our hearts unto wisdom and seek the things which are above. May we spend the remainder of our time in this world in the faithful discharge of every Christian duty; and study to live in such a manner as we shall wish to have done when we come to die. Give us grace to follow the good examples of those who have departed hence in Thy faith and fear, that we may with them be partakers of Thy heavenly kingdom. Grant, that we may labor with increasing zeal to become the true disciples of our blessed Saviour; and, after believing in Him and obeying Him here below, be

united with Him at Thy right hand, and, with all whom we love, and with the virtuous and pious of all nations and tongues, praise Thee through endless ages. Amen.

## 22

*A Prayer for Parents on the Death of a Young Child.*

**O** THOU, who hast appointed unto all men once to die, and who alone knowest what is really good for us, we fly to Thee, beseeching Thee to sanctify unto us the bereavement which fills our hearts with grief. Thou hast united us to the objects of our innocent affection by the tenderest ties; and we bless Thee that Thou wast pleased to give us our departed child, and to bestow on us the satisfactions and joys which parents feel. Thou hast with the arrow of death taken away from us this beloved being; and we would bow with resignation to Thy sovereign appointment. We commit its body to the grave and its soul to Thine infinite mercy. And we rejoice and thank Thee that our Lord Jesus Christ has declared: "Suffer the little children to come unto me, and forbid them not, for of such is the kingdom of God."

Compassionate Father! console our sorrows, we pray Thee; and prevent us from despising Thy chastenings or fainting when rebuked of Thee. Teach us more perfectly to do and suffer Thy will, and to draw instruction from the adversities which we experience. Affect us with just convictions of the vanity of human life, and the uncertainty

of earthly comforts. Dispose us to work out our own salvation with fear and trembling, and to give the most serious attention to the religious instruction and improvement of those whom Thou hast preserved to us. Instead of attempting fully to explain the unsearchable mysteries of Thy government, may our hearts rest assured that all things shall work together for good to them that love Thee; and may we steadily look forward to the resurrection of the just and the re-union of those who die in the Lord, through our exalted Saviour and Redeemer. Amen.

## PART II.

### *Prayers for the Use of Individuals.*

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#### 1

#### *Prayers for the Morning.*

**O** LORD, my heavenly Father, who hast safely brought me to the beginning of this day: defend me through the same by Thy mighty power, and grant that I may neither fall into sin, nor run into any kind of danger. May all my words and doings be ordered agreeably to Thy holy will, and my heart be pure and acceptable in Thy sight! May it please Thee to give such success as Thou seest to be best for me to my labors and pursuits; to bless my friends; to do good unto all men; and to raise them and me to Thy heavenly kingdom, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

ALMIGHTY God, the gracious Preserver of the children of men, accept the thanks of Thy servant for the continual protection of Thy providence. When I retire to rest, Thou coverest me with the shades of the evening; and, when I arise, Thou visitest me with the Day-spring from on high. Thy blessing is ever upon me, and day and night Thy loving-kindness follows me. Enable me

to be duly and habitually sensible of what I owe to Thee, and to rely upon Thy care. I devote myself to Thy service, and rejoice that my times are in Thy hand. Help me, while I live, to live to Thee; that, when I die, I may die to Thee, and feel happy in the assurance of Thy mercy and the hope of everlasting life, through Jesus Christ my Lord and Saviour. Amen.

O GOD, by whose gracious providence I have been preserved through the past night, and am risen this morning with the free use of my rational faculties, and in the enjoyment of the blessings of life: I look up to Thee as my highest Benefactor and Friend, and thank Thee for the goodness which I have experienced, when unconscious of my being, and incapable of guarding against danger and death. I humbly commit myself to Thy protection this day, beseeching Thee to defend me from evil and to give me those blessings which I need. Above all, be pleased, merciful Father, to pardon my errors; and assist me to shun temptation, to watch over my passions, to govern my tongue, to keep myself innocent and undefiled, and cheerfully to do that which is pleasing unto Thee. Hear my prayer, and accept of me according to the covenant of Thy love through Jesus Christ. Amen.

GOD of my life, another night has passed away; and I arise from death-like insensibility to new existence. Whether I sleep or am awake, I am encircled by Thy mighty arms and share Thy love. Thou hast preserved my breath; Thou inspirest me with

new vigor; and Thou callest me to new enjoyments. To Thee my spirit ascends on the wings of devotion and gratitude, and consecrates all its powers and faculties. What may I not hope for from Thee, who continually watchest over me, and who hast not even spared Thy well-beloved Son, but hast given Him up freely for the children of men?

Animated by this confidence, I desire to go on my way rejoicing, to accomplish with cheerfulness whatever Thou callest me to do, and to bear with patience whatever Thou appointest me to suffer. This day, too, Father, Thou wilt in mercy direct and help Thy feeble child, proportion my strength to my duties and trials, and lead me in that path which Thou knowest to be good for me. Let this persuasion support my soul, and enable me to entertain an habitual regard to Thee. I am thine, by the strongest ties; and Thine may I remain in life and in death, through Jesus Christ, Thy Son, my Saviour. Amen.

## 2

*Prayers for the Evening.*

**A**Lmighty God, Thou hast bestowed upon me innumerable benefits, and hast added to all Thy former mercies the safety and happiness which I have this day enjoyed. Forgive, I beseech Thee, whatever may have been wrong in my feelings, conversation, or deportment; and fill me with an ardent solicitude to serve Thee faithfully in the time that may yet remain. I commit myself and all my friends to Thy gracious protection this night, reposing the confidence

of my soul on Thy providence. After having renewed my strength by a peaceful repose, may I return to the duties of life with a steadfast resolution to do all Thy will with diligence; that, when my days on earth shall be numbered, I may be received into Thine eternal rest and joy, through Thy blessed Son Jesus Christ. Amen.

ALMIGHTY God, my heavenly Father, from whom cometh every good and perfect gift, I raise my soul to Thee, entreating Thee to keep me continually under Thy care. If it seem good in Thy sight, grant me the blessing of quiet sleep; that I may arise in the morning in health, to labor in Thy service and live in Thy fear. Let it please Thee to lift up the light of Thy countenance upon me, and to give me peace both now and evermore, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

O GOD, my great Creator, Preserver, and Benefactor! I approach Thee with the grateful acknowledgments of my heart for the mercies by which I have been cheered and blessed this day. Whatever share of happiness I possess, whatever measure of prosperity I enjoy; to Thee belongs the praise, and to Thine unmerited favor alone I ascribe it. With whatever neglect, imperfection, and transgression of duty I am chargeable, I take the shame of them to myself, and sincerely repent of them. Forgive me, I beseech Thee, Parent of mercies, upon the gracious terms of Thy gospel; and implant a right spirit within me. Vouchsafe to take me, and all in whom I am concerned, into



Thy care and protection through this night; and lead us, and the whole human family, in the paths of Thy good providence, to everlasting life and happiness, through Thine infinite love in Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

GOD of compassion, with what velocity all my days speed their flight and vanish away! How few are the traces which they leave behind! What is my existence on earth, but a dream, from which I shall awake, with joy or terror, to a new and never-ending life?

I will lay me down, and sleep in peace; for Thou, O Lord, makest me to dwell in safety. Thou continually upholdest, and showerest down blessings upon me, and comfortest my soul in sorrow. All the successive periods of my pilgrimage are distinguished by the proofs of Thy benevolence and mercy. Oh that they may also be distinguished by numerous proofs of my gratitude and obedience to Thee! Oh that I may sleep in Jesus, when my last hour shall arrive, with the same composure with which I lie down upon my bed; with a mind free from the stings and reproaches of guilt, conscious of inward sincerity and rectitude, firmly relying upon the promises sealed with my Saviour's blood, trusting through Him in Thy forbearance and paternal love, and rejoicing in the prospect of that blissful immortality which He brought to light!

My heavenly Father, establish Thou this wish in my soul; make it the chief principle and motive of all I think, and say, and do; help me to revive and strengthen it every morning and evening. Make me

perfect in every good work; and to Thy name be all the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.

## 3

*A Prayer for a Young Person.*

**A**LMIGHTY and most merciful God, who hast called me into being, that I might enjoy Thy bounty here, and be prepared for everlasting happiness hereafter! I look up to Thee, the source of every blessing, beseeching Thee to guide, to support, and strengthen me. Surrounded with dangers, to whom should I apply for succor but to Thee, who hast promised that those who seek Thee early and diligently shall find Thee? Oh help me habitually to remember Thee, my Creator, Benefactor, Redeemer, and Judge. Impress on my mind that reverence of Thee which is the beginning of wisdom. Dispose me to value, as I ought, the religion of Thy blessed Son, and to make His doctrine and example my only directory and rule. Preserve me from all corrupt communications, from those youthful lusts which war against the soul, from all unchastity in thought, word, and action. Preserve my tongue from uttering falsehood, deceit, or impiety, and my hands from committing injustice. Give me a cautious, sober, and devout mind, that I may tremble at the hazard of ever standing in the way of sinners, or walking after the counsel of the ungodly, or following evil companions. Enable me to respect the lessons of age and experience; clothe me with the ornament of an humble,

meek, and contented spirit; and grant that I may carefully avoid every thing which I would blush to reveal to my fellow-men, and which would fill me with confusion and fear when I think of Thee. Forbid, great God, that I should misapply or trifle with any portion of that precious time for the use of which I am accountable at Thy bar. Give me grace to find my highest delight in studying and obeying Thy word, in approving myself to Thee, in discharging my duty to those with whom I am connected, in laboring to become useful in my day and generation, and in forming those habits which will qualify me for the felicity of heaven.

I pray for these and for all other blessings in the name of Thy Son Jesus Christ, through whom I humbly hope to be pardoned and accepted now and evermore. Amen.

## 4

*A Prayer for an Aged Person.*

**O** THOU great Author and Supporter of life, who hast been the refuge of Thy children in every age, to Thee I raise my heart with thanksgiving and supplication. Thou hast maintained my frail existence through many years, and crowned its successive periods with Thy mercies. Where should I begin, or where should I cease, would I enumerate the favors which Thy hand has bestowed on me? With what incessant kindness hast Thou supplied the wants both of my body and of my soul, opened to me many sources of satisfaction, shielded me from dangers and calamities,

consoled and sustained me under trials and distresses, and conducted my feet into the path of peace! What gratitude do I owe to Thee, especially, for the light and assistance of Thy holy gospel, for its precious promises and animating hopes, and for the many opportunities and means of improvement which I have enjoyed! Hitherto Thou hast led and helped me; and my only trust is in Thy sure and never-failing mercy.

Heavenly Father! I confess to Thee my many errors and transgressions with sorrow and repentance. Of Thine infinite goodness forgive whatever I have thought, or said, or done amiss in the whole course of my pilgrimage. Let my hoary head be found in the way of righteousness. Whatever I may have neglected, whatever remains to be done, assist me to perform immediately and to the best of my ability. If I have injured any, enable me to discover it, that I may make due reparation before I go hence. Sanctify my mind, correct my passions, preserve me from every sin to which I am exposed. Save me from a selfish, censorious, severe, impatient, and dissatisfied temper. Teach me to be thankful to those who contribute to my ease and comfort, to rejoice in the happiness of all around me, and with a friendly spirit to instruct and admonish the rising generation. Help me, especially, to render the religion of Thy Son, my Lord, amiable and venerable in the estimation of the young and of all around me, by setting them an example of cheerful piety, and by entertaining a holy confidence in Thy providence and grace.

Merciful Saviour, my strength is now often labor and sorrow, and I shall soon go

down to the grave. Forsake me not, I beseech Thee; cast me not off in the time of mine old age. Let my affections be fixed upon the things which are above; let the prospect of heaven support me in every hour of suffering; and, when my heart and my flesh fail, be Thou the strength of my heart and my portion for ever, to whom with the Father and the Spirit be praise for ever. Amen.

## 5

*A Prayer for a Child.*

**O** LORD! Thou art my Father and my God, early will I seek, praise, and love Thee. I bless Thee for all Thy goodness to me, and in particular for those tender ties which bind me to my parents. I thank Thee for all their care and kindness; and rejoice to behold, in their unabating solicitude for my welfare, the image of Thy love. Enable me, I beseech Thee, to render unto them due honor and obedience, affection and gratitude. Assist me to submit with pleasure to their friendly guidance, to be patient under reproof, to abhor falsehood, to discharge all my obligations with a dutiful heart, and never to cause them tears and grief by any perverseness. Be pleased, O God, to prolong their health and life, to uphold them by Thy gracious providence, to make them happy in me and in all who belong to their family. Let Thy goodness follow them continually here, and reward them with eternal happiness beyond the grave.

Blessed guide of my youth, to Thee I am

indebted for all the favors which I enjoy. Assist me to become Thy child, to follow after Thy friendship as the greatest of all blessings, and to dread displeasing Thee as the greatest of all calamities. Help me, as I grow in stature, to grow in wisdom and goodness, in favor with Thee and with my fellow-men, like Thy beloved Son Jesus Christ. I desire to understand and to rejoice in His gospel, to be His disciple, and to walk as He walked; and I pray, that, after this short life on earth, I may be exalted with Him for ever and ever. Amen.

## 6

*A Prayer for a Husband or Wife.*

**M**OST merciful and gracious God, I look up unto Thee who rulest over heaven and earth, and desire to adore Thee as my Guardian and Guide. It is Thou who settest the solitary in families; domestic life is Thine institution; and Thou hast pronounced marriage to be honorable in all. Called to this state by Thy providence, I beseech Thee to make me sensible of its duties, and to dispose me to fulfill them with a perfect heart and a willing mind. Let me ever act upon the conviction that the covenants into which I have entered with the chosen companion of my life has been made in Thy sacred presence, and that my vows of fidelity and affection have been witnessed by Thee, the righteous Judge. Enable me to live as a Christian in this relation, and to put away from me whatever would interrupt the pleasure and improvement which it is adapted to yield.

Give me grace to correct what is wrong in my disposition, to govern my passions, to be a severe judge of myself, but never to exact or expect too much from the friend and partner of my days. Assist me to become a blessing to *him* (*her*), a sharer of *his* joys, a consoler of *his* sorrows, and a helper to *him* in all the changes of the world. Grant that we may live together in love and peace, exercising forbearance with each other's infirmities, serving and rejoicing in Thee, and carrying our regard for each other beyond this fleeting and perishable world. Grant, that in our dwelling, as in the tabernacle of the righteous, the voice of salvation may be heard; that we may keep a strict watch over ourselves and all who depend upon us; that we may suffer no vice to go unreprieved, or to remain in our house persisted in and unamended; and that all of us may cultivate a cheerful and obliging temper, and discharge our respective duties in quietness and contentment. By living together in virtue and holiness here, may we be fitted for perfect felicity in heaven; and be united together, at last, in indissoluble friendship, through Jesus Christ, Thy Son, our Saviour and Lord. Amen.

## 7

## Prayer for a Parent.

**A**Lmighty God, Creator of men, from Thee cometh every good and perfect gift. Thou hast given me children, and inspired my heart with ardent affection for them. Thou hast committed them to my



care, and commanded me to educate them as Christians, as intelligent and immortal beings. Oh make me fully sensible, I entreat Thee, of the solemnity and importance of this charge; and give me Thy gracious assistance, that I may train up my offspring in the way in which they ought to go. Enable me to entertain abiding convictions of the value of good instruction, and the necessity of early religious impressions. Enlighten and direct me in the choice of proper means for cultivating pious and virtuous principles in their tender minds. Make me constant and faithful in sowing in their hearts the incorruptible seed of divine truth, that they may love religion early, and partake of Thy divine nature. Increase my solicitude to set before them the pattern of a holy and good life; and never suffer me to forget that what I say and do cannot fail to influence the formation of their temper and character. Preserve me from the extremes of impatience and undue severity, and of excessive indulgence and misguided fondness. Direct me to the most rational and salutary expressions of my love to them; and help me to adapt my conduct to their several dispositions. And while I study to bring them forward on the stage of action with those advantages which are suitable to their condition, let me always remember that the care of the soul is the one thing needful, and let it be my highest concern to prepare them for eternity and heaven.

Gracious God, save me, I pray Thee, from the most grievous calamity which a parent can feel, that of beholding children vicious and miserable. Protect and bless those for whom my heart beats with the tenderest



anxiety; and let them never be led astray by wicked customs and examples. Whatever Thou mayest deny me, oh grant that I may see them walking in the truth, adorned with innocence, virtue, and piety. Vouchsafe to forgive any errors in my conduct towards them, and to supply all my deficiencies. When I shall be removed hence, let me die with the consciousness that I have not willfully neglected my duty to them. And in the great day of the resurrection and judgment, grant that we may be found together before Thy throne, and that I may be enabled to say: Here am I, O God, and the children which Thou hast given me. I ask for these mercies in the name of Jesus Christ my Lord and Master. Amen.

## 8

A Prayer for a Person Suffering Poverty or Great Losses.

**G**REAT and adorable God! Thou rulest over the armies of heaven, and Thou distributest Thy blessings among men, as it seemeth good in Thy sight. Thou makest poor, and makest rich; Thou bringest low, and liftest up. Thou hast seen fit in Thine infinite wisdom, to visit me with adversity and to exercise me in an humble state. But Thy good providence has preserved me hitherto, has saved me from overwhelming want, has given me many of the blessings of this life, and has set before me the sweet hope of a better world. I would be grateful for what I enjoy; and I desire to acquiesce in Thy dispensations, and not to indulge discontent

on account of those things which Thou withholdest or takest away.

Direct me, I beseech Thee, in the use of honest means to repair my losses and to obtain a more comfortable subsistence: but, whether I obtain it or not, Thy will be done. Thou alone knowest if greater plenty would prove a blessing, or a snare to me and mine. Make me perfect in my submission, O Lord; cleanse my heart from sinful affections; and grant that I may be rich in faith and an heir of Thy promises. Reward, I pray Thee, those benefactors who have been instruments in Thy hand for doing me good. In every trouble let me experience that Thou art nigh unto them that put their trust in Thee. Whilst I continue in straitened circumstances, preserve me from unlawful methods of supplying my necessities, from taking Thy name in vain, and from asking with anxious, distrustful thoughts what shall I eat, or what shall I drink, or wherewith shall I be clothed? May I never feel envy at the sight of the great; and rather choose to endure every bodily hardship than to suffer the evil of spiritual poverty. May the example of Jesus, who was despised of men, who suffered hunger and thirst, and who had not where to lay His head, reconcile me to my condition. May it be enough for me that I can please Thee and hold fast my integrity. Whatever be my lot here, may I be enabled to lay up treasures in heaven, and finally be received into it, through the mediation of that Saviour, who was made perfect through sufferings, and is now set down at Thy right hand. Amen.

## 9

*A Prayer for a Widow.*

**A**LMIGHTY and everlasting God, I fly to Thee for that consolation which I need, and humble myself under Thy mighty hand. Thou givest, and Thou takest away; and without Thy permission not a hair of our heads can fall to the ground. Thou hast been pleased to remove from me the husband of my affectionate choice, my support and comfort under the labors and anxieties of this mortal life. God of compassion, leave me not a victim to sorrow; and, though Thou hast not forbidden me to mourn, let me not mourn like those who are without Christian hope. I desire to cast all my cares upon Thy good providence; assured that I can never be destitute whilst Thou art my helper, or miserable whilst I have Thee for my portion. Whatever outward blessings Thou mayest be pleased to deny me, may I never be deprived of the comfort of Thy love. Vouchsafe, I pray Thee, to raise up friends to assist me in my exigencies, and to counsel me to manage my affairs with discretion. Taught by painful experience, let me never forget what instability attends all earthly enjoyments. Give me grace to behave with propriety and suitably to my condition, that I may be enabled at all times to look with comfort to Thee as my Friend, my Father, my Life, my Deliverer. (To Thy tender mercy I commend the beloved children whom Thou hast given me). To Thy direction I would entirely submit; into Thy hands I resign all my interests in time and eternity; and my soul would triumph in the exalted and as-

sured hope of being eternally happy with all the objects of my affection, through Thy grace in Jesus Christ, my Lord and Saviour. Amen.

## 10

*A Prayer for a Servant.*

**O** GOD, the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, it is the ordination of Thy good providence that there should be various stations and conditions in the world. It is Thou who appointest unto each the circumstances in which he is placed; and I rejoice that with Thee there is no respect of persons, and that, whether men be high or low in society, all are Thy children, all are furnished with the means of pleasing Thee and becoming happy. I would cheerfully submit to Thine unerring direction; and desire, with a contented and thankful heart, to accept of the portion which Thou givest me. Establish me, I beseech Thee, in the persuasion that my present situation is good for me; and give me grace to reflect that every state of life has its peculiar advantages and trials. Help me to cherish a meek and humble temper, and to imitate my blessed Master, who took upon Him the form of a servant and condescended to the meanest offices, that He might set His disciples an example. Help me to discharge the obligations incumbent upon me with faithfulness and zeal, from a principle of obedience to Thee, my Judge, knowing that Thou seest my inmost thoughts, and that whatsoever good thing any one doeth, the same shall he receive at Thy

hands. Assist me to adorn my Christian vocation by a careful, diligent, respectful, and peaceable behavior, by the strictest sobriety and honesty, and by a solicitude not to waste the goods of those with whom I live, nor to mispend that time which I am bound to devote to their service. Make me duly grateful for every benefit which I receive; and let me patiently suffer the inconveniences which attend my lot. If it should please Thee, O Thou Supreme Disposer of events, to make my outward condition more prosperous, let me improve it well. But, whatever Thou shalt order, let me be solicitous, above all things, to obtain the forgiveness of my sins, and to seek Thy kingdom above; that I may be exalted to it after death, through Thy great mercy in Jesus Christ, my Redeemer. Amen.

## 11

*A Prayer Before a Journey.*

**A**Lmighty God, I raise my heart to Thee as the Father and Preserver of men, and rejoice that I cannot go where Thou art not present as the Ruler of nature, as the Guardian of the righteous, as the Hearer of prayer. Thine eye is continually upon me, and Thy good Spirit conducts Thy children through every stage of their pilgrimage. I commend myself, O Lord, to the care of Thy providence in the journey upon which I am entering; humbly beseeching Thee to defend me from evil, to preserve me from all temptations to sin, and to prosper me in my lawful designs. To Thy holy keeping I commit

(my family and) my friends; and I pray, that, if it be Thy will, they may be blessed in body and in soul, that I may return to them in due season in safety, that I may have a fresh occasion to praise Thy name, and that we may long live together to enjoy the pleasures of domestic life, and to manifest our thankfulness for all Thy mercies. Hear my petitions, O Thou God of compassion; and let me rejoice in Thy grace and favor, through Jesus Christ for ever and ever. Amen.

## 12

*A Prayer for a Person Engaging in any Important Business.*

**G**REAT and merciful God; I look up unto Thee, who teachest man knowledge, and givest both the skill and the power to accomplish useful purposes. Thou art my Guide and my Help; and without Thee I can do nothing. Prosperity and adversity are dispensed by Thee; and Thou alone seest what is good for Thy creatures. With submission to Thy will, I implore Thy blessing upon the work which is before me. Give me discretion and understanding to direct me. Preserve me from presumption, imprudence, indolence, and a confident expectation of success. Teach me to use with diligence and caution the means which Thou art pleased to afford me for the accomplishment of this design. Enable me, especially, I beseech Thee, to maintain integrity and a good conscience. May I form no plan and engage in no enterprise that may endanger the property, the comfort, or the virtue of my fellow-men;

but habitually dread and fly from every thing which may injure my neighbor. May I always act under the influence of the truth, that Thou lovest righteousness and hatest iniquity, and that Thou wilt reward every man according to his deeds. May I never fall into the temptations and snares of those whose only aim is to be rich; but follow after justice, faith, love, patience, and meekness; and have the witness in mine own heart that godliness with contentment is great gain. Should it please Thee to crown my efforts with success, may I be duly thankful to Thee, and make a worthy use of Thy favors, Should disappointment await me, may I submit with resignation, bless Thy name, and trust in Thy providence. Whatever be the event, O Lord, do Thou keep me in the path of duty, in Thy fear and Thy love. Let me perform all things according to the directions of that blessed Redeemer whose follower I desire to be. And, finally, vouchsafe to receive me into Thine everlasting kingdom, through Thine unspeakable love in Jesus Christ Thy Son. Amen.

## 13

*A Prayer for a Person Exposed to Considerable Perils or Pains.*

**O** GOD, the refuge and strength of Thy children, behold in mercy Thy feeble and dependent creature, who flies to Thee for assistance and protection. I have had much experience of Thy goodness in every stage and condition of life, and in every affliction Thy mighty hand has sustained me. Let it

please Thee to continue Thy compassion, and to uphold me in every hour of danger. Preserve me from all distressing fears, and establish my confidence in Thy wise and gracious governraent. When my sorrows are enlarged, make haste for my deliverance, and bring me out of all my troubles, if it seem good to Thee. In the midst of any pains which I may be appointed to endure, let my patience be perfected and my fortitude be supported by Thy promises and the example of Thy Son. And though my heart and my flesh should fail, be Thou, O God, the strength of my heart; and vouchsafe to give me the portion of those who shall be raised to the unfading joy and glory of heaven, through Jesus Christ my Lord and Saviour. Amen.

## 14

## A Prayer for a Sick Person.

**A**LMIGHTY and most merciful God, who hatest nothing that Thou hast made! I desire humbly to own and to reverence Thy hand in my present affliction. May my bodily suffering make my heart better, and lead me more justly to value health and strength, and to employ them to nobler purposes than I have done, if this sickness shall not be unto death.

With submission to Thy will, I pray for the removal of my disorder and for the perfect restoration of my health. Endue me with resignation, patience, and meekness under the pain of disease and the irksomeness of confinement. Above all, prepare me for death. Blot out my numerous imperfec-



tions and sins by Thine infinite mercy in Christ Jesus. Purify my heart, and make it the seat of faith, charity, and hope. Dispose and help me to set my house in order, and to do whatever is necessary in regard to my great change. And, when Thou removest me hence, grant me an entrance into that world where the inhabitants shall no more say, I am sick.

Into Thy hands, heavenly Father, I commit myself, desiring that no increase of pain may produce repining, that I may be numbered with those who love Thee, and that I may find by experience all things, and this sickness especially, working my spiritual good. In every alteration, let Thy promises be precious to my soul, that I may come off a conqueror through Thy blessed Son, and sing Thy praises for ever and ever. Amen.

## 15

*Another Prayer for a Sick Person.*

**O** LORD my God, who givest life and breath and all things to Thy creatures, and who hast not thought even a crown of everlasting life too much to promise to Thy children; Thou wilt not deny me what is needful for my body and soul in my passage through this world to that of honor and immortality. I would raise my heart unto Thee with confidence in Thine infinite compassion. Establish, I beseech Thee, in my soul the belief that Thou dost not willingly grieve the children of men, but intendest good to me by this Thy fatherly correction. Whereinsoever I have neglected Thee, or committed any

offence against Thy laws, make me deeply sensible of it, and heartily sorrowful for all my transgressions. Mercifully accept my earnest desires of forgiveness, and prosper my serious resolutions to live more circumspectly and righteously in the time to come. Assist me, gracious Lord, to give a proof of the sincerity of my present prayers and professions, by patiently submitting to this distressing dispensation of Thy providence, and by cheerfully and meekly bearing whatever Thou shalt inflict. Fill my mind with reverence of Thy wisdom and authority, with a thankful remembrance of all Thy past mercies, with an entire reliance on Thy goodness, and with a supreme solicitude to delight in doing Thy will.

Thou, O God, art the Author of every remedy, and Thy power alone can check disease. I beseech Thee to bless the means which are used for the recovery of my health; that I may live, if it be Thy will, to perform my duties with greater care. But, if Thou hast otherwise appointed, accept, I pray Thee, of Thine unspeakable goodness, the sincerity of my repentance, according to the covenant to which Thou hast called me in Jesus Christ, Thy Son. Help me to finish the work which Thou hast given me to do, and without delay to make every necessary preparation; that, when the time of my dissolution draws near, I may have nothing else to do but to resign myself to Thee. If I have injured any, I would be reconciled unto them, and die in peace with all men. And when I shall suffer the last conflicts of nature, grant, great God, that I may keep my mind steadfastly fixed on that Saviour who,

after He had shed His blood for the remission of sin, led the way through the grave unto heaven. And through Him be everlasting praises presented unto Thee from all the children of Adam. Amen.

## 16

*A Prayer for the Head of a Family, under Apprehensions of Death, in Active Life.*

**G**REAT and adorable God, in whose hands my time and fate are reposed! hear the prayers of Thine unworthy servant, and fortify my soul under the distresses which I feel. In the language of my Saviour, who suffered for me, leaving me an example, I would say: "Father, if it be possible, let this cup pass from me; nevertheless, not as I will, but as Thou wilt." Spare me, I beseech Thee, if it be agreeable to the purposes of Thine infinite wisdom, that I may provide for my family, and bring up my children in the nurture and admonition of the Lord. But, if Thou callest me hence, be Thou, O God, the husband of my companion, and the father of my offspring. Let Thy kind providence be their stay and support in this world, and Thy love their inheritance in the world to come. Graciously supply their wants; protect them from injury; counsel them under every perplexity; and let them never by disobedience forfeit Thy fatherly care. If I be no more in the world, holy Father! keep those whom Thou hast given me; sanctify them through Thy truth; and grant us a happy meeting in Thy glorious presence above, through the

infinite riches of Thy grace, in Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

## 17

*A Prayer for a Sincere Christian, when there Appears but Small Hope of his Recovery.*

**G**OD of the spirits of all flesh, Source of life and happiness, gracious Father and Friend! Thou hast brought me to the gates of death, and the hour of my departure draweth nigh. Thou hast watched over me from my entrance into the world; Thy tender mercy has followed me all my days; and Thou hast assured me of an incorruptible inheritance beyond the grave. Accept the thanks of Thine unworthy servant for all Thy loving-kindness. Accept my thanks for the gift of Thy Son, for the promise of forgiveness, for the precious hope of immortality. Thou hast gladdened and consoled me through the whole of my career with countless blessings and mercies, although I have not merited the smallest. Pardon, of Thine infinite goodness, my many imperfections and sins; and be pleased to accept my feeble but sincere endeavors to serve Thee. Thou callest me away; and I am ready to follow. I rejoice that all my conflicts and pains are drawing to a close. I rejoice that I shall soon be privileged to pay Thee more worthily that homage which is due to Thee. I know, that in Thy presence there is fullness of joy and pleasure for evermore. Keep me, I beseech Thee, my heavenly Father, in humble dependence on Thy rich and free grace in my blessed Redeemer. Help me to suffer pa-

tiently like Him, while I am visited with sickness, and like Him to say at last, with immovable confidence, "Father, into Thy hand I commit my spirit." Comfort the objects of my affection when I am removed from the world; provide for them by Thy paternal love; preserve them for Thine everlasting kingdom. There may I find all for whom I am now particularly concerned, be united with every one whom I may have thought my foe, and triumph in Thy redemption with all the children of Adam. Living or dying, I am Thine; and Thy will be done. O death, where is thy sting? O grave, where is thy victory? Thanks be to God, who giveth me the victory through my Lord Jesus Christ. Amen.

## 18

*A Prayer for a Person Recovered from Alarming Sickness.*

**B**LESS the Lord, O my soul, and all that is within me bless His holy name. Bless the Lord, O my soul, and forget not all His benefits, who forgiveth all thine iniquities, who healeth all thy diseases, who redeemeth thy life from destruction, and crowneth thee with loving-kindness and with tender mercies. I praise Thee, great God that, although Thou hast chastened me, Thou hast not given me over unto death. I praise Thee, that Thy powerful arm has arrested the progress of the destroyer, and helped me out of all my troubles. I thank Thee for every comfort and alleviation of pain with which Thou hast been pleased to

furnish me, and especially for the love of my friends and the promises of Thy gospel. I acknowledge Thine inexpressible goodness in restoring me from the brink of the grave and from the anguish of suffering, to endeared connections, to enlivened hopes, to new opportunities and increased motives for cultivating Christian affections, for abounding in good works, and for laying up treasures in heaven.

O God, let not these opportunities be neglected by me, but be wisely improved to Thy glory.

I have experienced Thy power and compassion. May I ever live in the exercise of a grateful confidence in both, and be duly sensible of my total dependence upon Thy providence and government.

I have been brought to feel the realities of the world to come, the worth of Thy favor, the value of a conscience void of offence. Almighty God! let the convictions which I have had of them never be extinguished in my breast. Enable me at all times to entertain that humble contrition for my sins and that penitential sense of my need of Thy mercy, which the nearness of death was instrumental in producing. Help me to appreciate, as I ought, eternal things, and to do all that Thou requirest, in order that I may secure Thine approbation and friendship.

Thou hast enabled me to realize the vanity and uncertainty of the world. Preserve me from attaching too much importance to its pleasures, honors, and possessions; and assist me constantly to remember how rapidly it is passing away.

Thou hast taught me, by sickness, the

worth of friendship; and the offices of kindness which have been performed for me, have, with Thy blessing, cheered, supported, and kept me alive. My God, let me never be insensible of the love of those whose hearts Thou hast warmed with good-will towards me. Make me ready to return their benevolence on every occasion. Let me be softened with humanity towards all that suffer; and let me never behold a sick-bed without sympathy and charity.

It was Thy gospel, O Thou God of all consolation in Christ Jesus, from which my hope was derived when the shadows of death appeared to encompass me. The assurances which it contains of Thy forbearance and mercy, and of eternal life through Thy Son, were the only support of my spirit. Oh give me grace to cling with faster hold than ever to this rock of salvation, to abide in the love of Jesus, to follow Him undismayed, and constantly to hope through Him for redemption and celestial happiness.

Preserver of my being! Thou hast now shown me how frail I am, hast given me a striking proof of the precariousness of life; and I know, that, ere long, I shall bid farewell to all whom I now behold. May I be better prepared than I have been for my departure hence. May I walk by faith, and not by sight. May I be concerned to be always ready, and to be found in that frame of mind which will enable me to welcome death as the messenger of peace.

Hear my prayers, I beseech Thee; forgive my sins, and make me Thine for evermore, through Jesus Christ. Amen.



## 19

*A Prayer for an Awakened Sinner.*

**O** THOU righteous and holy Being, from whom no secrets can be hid, I am ashamed, and blush to lift up my face to Thee. Mine iniquities are increased over my head, and my trespass is grown up unto the heavens. I have slighted Thine authority, forgotten the one thing needful, rebelled against Thee, my Sovereign and my Father, and violated laws which are perfectly holy, just, and good. Unthankful for Thy mercies, and despising Thine instructions, I have cast off Thy fear, pursued the pleasures of sin, and nearly destroyed myself. My example has corrupted and emboldened others in vice. I tremble while I think of the injury which I may have done to my companions. I tremble while I reflect upon the vile return which I have made to Thee, the best of beings, and upon the gulf of ruin towards which I have been approaching. Hadst Thou entered into judgment with me, and rewarded me according to my deserts, how awful would have been my condition! Wretched man that I am, who shall deliver me and break the power of my evil habits? God of compassion, be merciful to me a sinner. Unworthy as I am, cast me not away from Thy presence; deny me not the grace which Thou hast encouraged me to implore; help, Lord, or I perish; save my sinking soul, and give me repentance unto life. Impute not unto me, I beseech Thee, my transgressions; accept my humiliation and remorse; and grant me to say, from experience, with Thee there is plenteous forgive-



ness and redemption. Create in me a clean heart, and renew a right spirit within me. Let not evil be present with me, when I would do good. Let me no longer run into the danger which I see. Let not unbelief and passion and temptation prevail against the convictions which Thou hast given me of the malignity and danger of sin, of the vanity of the world, of the worth of the soul, and of the awfulness of eternity. Preserve me from being fatally hardened and blinded. And though I have dishonored Thee and depraved myself, Almighty God, let Thy Spirit operate upon my mind, and raise me up from the death of sin unto a life of righteousness.

Lord of life! cut me not off from the land of the living until I am fit for death and judgment. Spare me to bring forth fruits meet for repentance. Give me grace to become such as I ought to be, to counteract the evil effects of the criminal course I have pursued, to make restitution to those I have injured, and to teach transgressors Thy ways. Inspire me with a dread of relapsing into those iniquities which have hidden from me the light of Thy countenance. Whatever else may happen, whatever my vices and crimes may produce to me, let not the religious impressions of this moment be ever forgotten.

O Lord, I am guilty and deserving of Thy wrath; but Thou hast revealed to me that Thou wilt not despise the sacrifices of a broken spirit. My whole reliance is on Thy mercy in Jesus Christ, whom Thou hast set forth to be a propitiation through faith in His blood, and who is able to save to the uttermost all that come unto Thee through

Him. In the name of this Mediator I offer up my prayers; and I desire to glory in His cross, and to be accepted through Him now and evermore. Amen.

## 20

*Another Prayer for an Awakened Sinner.*

**O** THOU infinitely great and glorious Jehovah! I would raise my heart to Thee as the all-wise and righteous Governor of heaven and earth. From the habitation of Thy holiness, Thou beholdest all the children of men. Thou lovest righteousness, and hatest iniquity, wheresoever Thou seest it; neither can evil dwell with Thee.

I am convinced, great God, that Thou hast an absolute right to my homage and allegiance. Thou art my Maker and my Sovereign; Thy laws are just and good in themselves, and adapted to answer the most beneficial purposes. Thou hast written Thy will in the book of nature and the volume of revelation, and enforced it with the most solemn and awful sanctions. Thou hast set life and death, heaven and hell before me; my body and my soul, with all their faculties and interests, are every moment in Thy hand. And yet in how many instances have I revolted from Thee, and disregarded Thy salutary counsels and commands; how far has my heart been from Thy service and Thine ordinances; what corrupt desires and passions have I harbored; what an excessive fondness for the world have I discovered; how foolishly have I preferred temporal gratifications and pursuits to eternal joys; how greatly

must my behavior and example have injured my fellow-creatures; and what distress, disorder and remorse, have I prepared by my vices for my own soul! And, O Thou most compassionate Father and Friend of the human race, how much more aggravated are my offences, when considered as committed against the experience I have had of Thy loving kindness, against the endearing ties of gratitude, as well as against the obligations of duty and interest! Thou hast nourished and brought me up as Thy child; and yet I have rebelled against Thee. Thou hast been my Guardian, my Guide, my unwearied Benefactor; to Thee I am indebted for all my worldly comforts; to Thy rich and free grace I owe the discoveries and invitations of the gospel, the offers of pardon, and the hope of eternal felicity through the mediation of Christ Jesus Thy Son. And yet how have I abused Thy goodness, misapplied my advantages, despised Thy grace, and rejected the offers of life and salvation!

Blessed God, I confess my guilt; I am sensible that Thy favor is life; I feel that I must perish if I remain far from Thee. Have mercy upon me, miserable offender; and teach me so to think on my ways as to make haste and not delay to keep Thy commandments. I adore Thy forbearance in lengthening out the space given me for repentance, though I have so long neglected this great and necessary work; and I pray, that I may no longer draw back from the yoke of duty. Give me, O Lord, abiding views of the shortness and uncertainty of life, of the growing power of evil habits, and of the vanity of expecting greater assistances of Thy Holy

Spirit, if I resist those which Thou hast already afforded me. Enable me carefully to cherish every serious impression that may be made on my mind, and diligently to improve all the helps with which I am favored. Dispose me to seek Thee whilst Thou mayest be found, and to call upon Thee whilst Thou art near. Assist me to learn that lesson which I am so slow to learn, and inspire me with a taste for the pleasures of religion and devotion. Spiritualize my affections, ennoble my pursuits; quicken my desires and endeavors; and grant that with full purpose of heart I may cleave unto Thee the Lord.

Gracious God, though I have sinned against light and knowledge, and have justly deserved to forfeit all Thy friendship, yet I would rejoice that with Thee my help is found. Thou art ready to receive the penitent, and art waiting to be gracious to them. Thou hast sent Thine only-begotten Son to seek and to save those that are lost. Reconcile me to Thyself, and forgive and accept of me, for Thy mercy's sake in Him. And grant, that, being made free from sin and become a servant to Thee, I may possess peace of heart, have my fruit unto holiness, and in the end receive the unspeakable and unmerited gift of eternal life, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

## 21

*A Prayer for a Person recovered from a Negligent Mind to a Serious View of Religious Truth.*

**A**LMIGHTY and most merciful God, the just and equitable Ruler of the children of men! behold in mercy Thy frail and for-

getful child, who turns unto Thee with a penitent and humble heart. Blessed be Thy name that I am brought to see how careless and unprofitable I am. Blessed be Thy name that, though I have been greatly inconsiderate and negligent, Thy providence and grace have prevented me from falling into presumptuous and atrocious transgressions. But, while I thank Thee, my heavenly Father for the restraints which have been laid upon me, I confess with shame that I have often been unmindful of what I owe to Thee and Thy beloved Son, and that I have not been duly influenced by the principles of Thy sacred gospel. I have not been diligent in advancing the welfare of my fellow-men, have often lost sight of the concerns of my own soul and of the world to come, have been estranged from the worship and the love of Thee, have not been studious to govern my heart, to rise above grovelling views, and to live by faith in Him who loved me and gave Himself for me. But I purpose before Thee, who knowest my heart with all its frailties, no longer to be like those who are without God in the world. And I beseech Thee, from whom wisdom and virtue proceed, to forgive the levity, the vanity, the folly, the worldly mind, with which I have been chargeable, and to inspire me with that Christian temper which I have neglected to cultivate. Oh give me fervent desires and abiding resolutions to serve and love Thee, and to press toward the mark for the prize of the high calling in Christ Jesus. Excite me to diligence in reading, meditation, and prayer. Assist me to delight in the ordinances of Thy house, and in the study of Thy

holy word. Arm me against the influence of vain customs and of careless companions. Lead me to make the regulation of my own mind, and the practice of a pious and virtuous life, my chief care and business. Help me to keep the instructions and the model of my blessed Redeemer habitually before mine eyes, to confess His name without fear before men, to follow no other maxims but His, to labor and cherish concern for His glorious cause, and to employ my powers and possessions in the service of society according to His precepts. I would no longer live with my wishes and endeavors all centering here; but as a candidate for immortality, as a being who expects a judgment and an eternal state, as the disciple of a risen Redeemer who will come again and take His faithful followers to His own heavenly glory.

Gracious God, be pleased to pardon my sins, to accept this act of self-devotion, and to establish my holy purposes. I have sworn that I will keep Thy righteous statutes. Do Thou give me strength to fulfill my vows, to grow in grace; and let nothing ever be able to separate me from the love of Thee in Christ Jesus my Lord. Amen.

## 22

*A Prayer for a Sincere Penitent Distressed by the Difficulties which attend his Christian Improvement.*

**F**ATHER of mercies, whose strength upholds the weak, I come to Thee for protection and assistance, and rejoice that Thou hast encouraged me to seek Thy face. I have

experienced that Thou art good, and praise Thee for what Thou hast already done for my soul. From what threatening dangers has Thy paternal love delivered me; what everlasting gratitude is due to Thee for opening the eyes of my mind, and affecting my heart with a sense of my duty to Thee; what tribute can I offer, expressive of that divine goodness, to which it is owing that I am not blind and dead in trespasses and sins, and that I have not been cut off from this probationary state, unconcerned about the fate which awaits me.

O God, I adore Thee as my Father and my Saviour, and bless Thee for the merciful promises which Thou hast given me through Thy Son. But I confess and lament before Thee my weakness and unfruitfulness. I lament the sins which so easily beset me. I lament the difficulties in discharging my obligations which are the sad effects of my former carelessness and wickedness. I lament the wanderings of my mind, the coldness of my affections, the power which past follies and transgressions still exercise too frequently over my imagination. I confess that I deserve to suffer, and that Thou art righteous in all Thy ways and doings. But I beseech Thee, Almighty God, to strengthen me by Thy Spirit in the inner man, and to preserve me from fainting under the tribulations which attend me. Oh bend my will more perfectly to Thine; and let none of those things which once subdued me any longer prove a snare. Thou knowest that I hunger and thirst after righteousness, give success, I pray Thee, to my endeavors, my watchfulness, my supplications. Cleanse me from every pollution



both of the mind and the flesh; and cause me to know that blessed ~~as~~ the man who endureth temptation. Save me from presumption and from despair of success. Teach me to labor with diligence and to confide in Thee. And grant me to realize that wisdom's ways are ways of pleasantness, and that the path of the righteous is like the morning light, which shineth brighter and brighter unto the perfect day.

My soul looks for help unto Thee, who art able to do exceeding abundantly above all that I ask or think. And unto Thee be glory by Christ Jesus, world without end. Amen.

## 23

*A Prayer for an Upright Christian distressed by fears respecting His final Acceptance and Salvation.*

**O** THOU, before whose eyes all things are naked and open, who triest the reins of the children of men! I fly to Thee oppressed with sadness and fear. Thou hast invited the weary and heavy-laden to partake of mercy: receive me, Thy sorrowful suppliant, and revive my fainting soul. Thou delightest not in the misery of Thy creatures; heal Thou the wounds of my heart. I confess, O my God, that my sins have deserved more grievous punishments than I feel, and that it would be impossible for me to abide Thy strict inquisition; but I plead the wonderful expressions of Thy love and compassion to the contrite and humble, which are contained in Thy word. Hast Thou not declared that all



Thy thoughts are thoughts of peace and not of evil? Hast Thou not assured Thy people that, although a mother should forget her child, yet Thou wilt not forget or forsake Thine offspring? Hast Thou not so loved the world as to give Thine only-begotten Son for us, and wilt Thou not with Him freely give us all things which we need?

O Lord, Thou knowest my frame and rememberest that I am but dust. Thou art acquainted with my frailties and apprehensions. Thou seest that, infirm and guilty as I am, my soul thirsteth for Thee the living God, as the hart panteth after the water-brooks. Be pleased to forgive my sins, to pardon my despondency; and help me to serve Thee with a quiet and cheerful heart. Remove my disease, whether of body or of mind, if this seem good to Thine infinite wisdom; and forbid that I should entertain one thought injurious to Thee and dishonorable to the clemency of Thy character as revealed in Thy gospel. Preserve me from delusion; dispel my doubts; confirm my faith in Thy promises; clothe me with the garments of salvation. Above all, I beseech Thee to give me grace perfectly to do and to suffer Thy will. Help me to bring forth more of the fruits of the Spirit, that I may have the evidence in my temper and life that I am led by Thy Spirit and am authorized to call Thee Abba, Father. Whatever conflicts I may now have to sustain, let me persevere in well-doing with increasing zeal and delight, persuaded that Thou art greater and better than my heart, and wilt not reject any that sincerely seek Thy face through Him whom Thou hast appointed the Me-

diator of our race. "Why art thou cast down, O my soul? and why art thou disquieted within me? hope Thou in God, for I shall yet praise Him, who is the health of my countenance and my God." Amen.

## 24

*A Prayer for a Communicant before the Celebration of the Lord's Supper.*

**S**UPREMACY exalted and adorable God unto whom all hearts are open! I desire to worship Thee as the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, of whom the whole family in heaven and earth is named. I adore Thine unspeakable goodness in raising up this great Deliverer from sin and death, for a benighted, guilty, and ruined world. I praise Thee for the spiritual and heavenly blessings which Thou hast bestowed upon me through His mediation, crucifixion, and resurrection. What gracious instructions flowed from His tongue! What spotless purity marked His life! What love and zeal filled His heart! With what patience and kindness did He seek those that were lost! What astonishing miracles attested His mission! What a miracle of benevolence was exhibited in His painful and bloody death on the cross! How triumphantly did He conquer the grave and ascend to Thy throne in heaven! Gracious God, how complete is His redemption, how amazing Thy benignity, how attracting and transporting the thought of my Saviour's compassion and victory! What could have been done for Thy rebellious offspring that has not been done? What light, what comfort, what en-

couragement, what hope can I need which the gospel of Christ Jesus does not abundantly supply?

O Thou who seest in secret! I confess that I am unworthy of my Christian privileges, and that I have not adorned my profession in all respects, as I ought to have done, by a holy walk and conversation. Who can tell how oft he offendeth? My heart condemns me in many things; and I am grieved when I consider in how small a degree I possess the spirit and temper of my Lord. Help Thou me to examine and judge myself, that I may not be condemned by Thee. Lead me, I beseech Thee, to a full acquaintance with the state of my soul, and prepare me for the holy exercises to which I am called. Save me from all delusion, pride, and self-deceit. Forgive, of Thine infinite goodness, every offence which I have committed; and accept the renewal which I am about to make of my vows.

Thou invitest me to the memorial of my Saviour's dying love; and blessed be Thy name for this means of enkindling and increasing my affection and gratitude to Him. Take me into Thy holy keeping, and grant that I may experience no distraction of mind. Let me not be an unfurnished guest, to whom it may be justly said, "How camest thou in hither, not having on a wedding garment?" Let me approach the ordinance with penitence, thankfulness, and faith, with love and charity to all mankind. Eating the bread and drinking the cup which Jesus instituted, let me embrace and hold fast the covenant of mercy, and find redemption through His blood. Direct me to profitable meditations

upon what He said, did, and suffered; and let the remembrance of His love, His sacrifice, and His glory comfort, support, and strengthen me in life and death.

Heavenly Father, be Thou with Thy servant who ministers to me in the sanctuary, with my fellow-communicants, with all my Christian brethren, and with every human being. Dispose all who encircle Thine altar to feel and to act as friends, partakers of the same grace and heirs of one blissful inheritance, through Jesus Christ, our Lord and Saviour. Amen.

## 25

*A Prayer for a Communicant after the Celebration of the Lord's Supper.*

**F**ATHER of mercies and God of love! Thou hast caused Thy goodness to pass before me this day. Follow with Thy blessing what I have been permitted and enabled to perform in obedience to the injunction of Thy Son, my Lord. If Thy pure eyes have seen any thing culpable in my religious services, I beseech Thee to pardon me. Let not the pious reflections which have occupied my attention, or the purposes which I have formed, in the company of my fellow-worshippers, and in showing forth the death of Jesus, ever be strange to my heart.

I have avowed Thee, the Lord, to be my God, engaging to keep Thy commandments and to hearken to Thy voice. I have confessed Thy Son before men, publicly receiving His testimony, solemnly acknowledging Him to be my divine Master and Guide, my

Saviour and Forerunner in the path of holiness and glory. Oh forbid that I should ever make shipwreck of faith, by not holding fast a good conscience. Preserve me from the smallest degree of that spirit which works in the children of disobedience. Preserve me from proving faithless to my vows, and from bringing reproach on the Christian name. Help me to follow the Lamb whithersoever He goeth; to abide in Him, the true vine; and to stand fast in the liberty wherewith He hath made His disciples free. Enable me at all times to remember His new command, that we should love one another even as He has loved us. Save me from the shocking inconsistencies and the dreadful fate of those who call Him Lord, Lord, but unto whom He will say, "Depart from Me, ye that work iniquity." Raise my affections from earth to heaven; and assist me to be steadfast and immovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord.

Merciful Father, I have found that it is good for me to draw nigh unto the table of my crucified and exalted Redeemer. Make me habitually attentive to this cheering institution. While I thereby learn to value the Saviour and His gospel more, let me rejoice in the persuasion that there is no condemnation to them which are in Christ Jesus, and that through Him we have mercy and the forgiveness of sin. May I be privileged to come with boldness to Thy throne in His name, and His peace keep my heart in every changing scene. May I regard it as my highest honor to be His disciple and an instrument for advancing His kingdom among men. May I triumph in this, that my Lord,

who was once dead, lives and reigns for ever and that where He is His faithful followers shall also be. When He comes to judge the world, may He not be ashamed of me, but receive me into His own mansions of love and joy.

Once more, O Thou Parent of all, I implore Thy blessing upon Thy Church universal, and upon the whole human family. Comfort every sorrowful soul. Bring into the way of truth all such as have erred and gone astray. Convert all such as are in the gall of bitterness and the bonds of iniquity. Lead all Christians to be careful to maintain good works. Let Thy grace be multiplied upon the religious society of which I am a member, and upon the pastor of the flock. Let all with whom I am connected, and who are dear to me, be enrolled in the book of life; and let them and me be brought to sing the praises of God and of the Lamb for ever and ever. Amen.

## 26

*A General Prayer which may be Used at any Time.*

**O** GOD, the Maker and Governor of the world! I, Thine unworthy servant, would appear before Thee, under the deepest sense of Thy perfections and of my total dependance upon Thy providence and grace. I rejoice that I am privileged to worship Thee, whose glories are far exalted above all that I can conceive, and before whom the hosts of heaven bow down with the profoundest reverence. I adore Thee as possessed of all-comprehending knowledge, unerring wisdom,

unlimited power, impartial justice, unbounded goodness, unspotted purity, unchangeable truth and faithfulness. I acknowledge Thee to be the giver of all good gifts, and the disposer of all events. I confess that Thy favor alone is life, and that I cannot be happy without Thy love. I am sensible that Thou art the tenderest Father and best Friend to Thy creatures, prescribing only such laws to them as are highly salutary, ever disposed to lead them to their true felicity, ready to promote and assist their sincere endeavors to obtain it, and constantly exercising Thy perfections for this purpose. Precious is the thought of Thee to all who are acquainted with Thy character, and who study to accomplish Thy gracious designs. Worthy art Thou of the homage, affection, and obedience of all intelligent beings in heaven and on earth.

I praise Thee, O Lord, that amidst the multitude of Thy creatures and subjects, I am not forgotten and overlooked; but that Thou knowest and lovest, and providest for me, as Thy child, with paternal care. I praise Thee that Thou hast preserved me from many calamities and sufferings. I thank Thee for all the powers of my nature, for the satisfactions and comforts of society, for the kindness of my relations and friends, for every domestic enjoyment, for the measure of health and prosperity with which I am favored, and for all those outward conveniences and advantages which Thou hast been pleased to give me. I thank Thee that Thou hast formed me after Thine own image, made me free and intelligent, and destined me for an immortal existence. I bless Thee for all



the assistances which I have received for the cultivation of my mind, and for all the means of education and religion. Above all, I desire to bless Thee for the mission and gospel of Christ Jesus, Thy well-beloved and only-begotten Son. I bless Thee for the satisfactory evidences He gave that He was truly sent by Thee for the salvation of the world. I bless Thee for His divine instructions, for His perfect example, and for all His labors and sufferings. I bless Thee for His humbling Himself even to the death of the cross, and shedding His blood for the remission of our sins; for His resurrection from the grave, and for His entrance into heaven as our Captain and Forerunner. I bless Thee for the effusion of the Holy Spirit upon His Apostles, for the propagation of His doctrines, and for the preservation of His church. How rich is the grace which I have received through His mediation! How wonderfully hast Thou provided for my improvement, my comfort, and my everlasting welfare! What can I render unto Thee in return for that mercy, to which alone it is to be ascribed, that I am not wandering in a land of darkness, superstition, and idolatry, that I am not the victim of fear and despair? What gratitude do I owe to Thy dear Son, who submitted to the most cruel death, that I might rejoice in the hope of Thy compassion, and in the assurance of eternal life and glory! Never, O God, can I repay, never can I fully express or worthily praise Thee for all that Thou hast done for my soul, for all the benefits which Thou art continuing to bestow upon me from day to day.

Encouraged, merciful Father, by the in-



valuable promises of my Lord and Saviour, I draw near unto Thy throne, to entreat of Thee the pardon of whatsoever Thou hast seen amiss in me. I confess to Thee, that my sins and infirmities are many and great, and that I could not expect any portion of Thy favor if Thou shouldst be extreme to mark and to punish what is wrong. But it is the consolation and support of my mind, that Thou hast sent Jesus Christ to save us from our sins, and that Thou art pleased to accept the upright endeavors of the humble and penitent to reform whatever has been criminal in their hearts and conduct. Forgive, I beseech Thee, every willful thought, disposition, word, and deed, which has been displeasing in Thy sight; and vouchsafe to justify me upon those terms which Thy holiness and mercy have laid down in the gospel. I do willingly and entirely forgive all who may have injured or offended me. If I have done wrong to any, I am ready to make all possible reparation. I seriously renounce all communication with whatsoever Thou hast forbidden, and devote myself to Thy service and the performance of Thy will. I am persuaded that these are indispensable qualifications for Thy favor; and earnestly beseech Thee to give success to my purposes by the influences of Thy Spirit and the dispensations of Thy providence.

May I never go astray from the truth as it is in Jesus, but seek for it with an impartial and unprejudiced mind—be delivered from those passions which hinder its discovery and obey it from the heart. May I be animated by that faith which overcomes the world, which purifies the soul, and which works by

love. May I be filled with that hope which will not suffer me to be ashamed, but will cause me to run with patience the race set before me. May I be possessed of that charity which is the end of the commandment, and without which whosoever liveth is counted dead before Thee. May I cherish a constant regard to Thee as my Ruler and Judge, worship Thee with a thankful and resigned temper, praise Thee with gladness, and rejoice in Thy protection. May I be concerned to resemble my honored Master in every divine and amiable disposition, and imbibe His zeal, His devotion, His fortitude, His humility, His compassion and benevolence. May I delight, like Him, in doing good; and press forward with unremitting ardor towards the mark of the prize of my high calling.

My outward condition, O Lord, it is my happiness and duty to refer wholly to Thy wisdom. With submission to Thy will, I implore from Thee those things which are necessary to the security and comfort of life; and pray that I may be preserved from great calamities and afflictions, if this be consistent with Thy gracious purposes. Lead me in that path which Thou seest to be best for me. Help me to become perfectly contented, to repose unlimited confidence in Thy government, and to improve health and sickness, joy and sorrow, to Thy glory. May I so pass through things temporal as not to forget the things which are eternal. May I so use the world as not to abuse it. Moderate in my desires for its good things, temperate in every lawful gratification, and patient under every disappointment, trial, or suffering, may I constantly aspire to a higher bliss than any

which can here be obtained, lay a good foundation against the time to come, and daily look forward to the glory which is about to be revealed to Thy faithful servants. May I behold the approach of death with peace and satisfaction; and when my course is finished, be removed from this mixed state of discipline to the land of unfading happiness and perfect love.

I praise Thee, O God, that Thou art the merciful Parent of all men; and I beseech Thee to have compassion upon and to save every individual of the human family. Be pleased to bless my friends, to reward my benefactors, and to take into Thy holy keeping the family with which I am connected. Visit with Thy light and comfort all who are afflicted with sickness and pain. Console and cheer all who are distressed in mind. Provide for the relief of those who are suffering want. Pity the widow and orphan; gladden the hearts of such as mourn the loss of those they loved; hear the cries of the persecuted and oppressed; be nigh unto all who are in circumstances of peril. Turn the ungodly to the love and fear of Thy name; support and strengthen every upright soul; give rest and joy to every weary and heavy-laden sinner. Spread the gospel of Christ Jesus throughout the earth; put an end to all war, strife, tyranny, and injustice; and let every nation become virtuous, enlightened, and happy. Direct our rulers; preserve our liberties; prosper our citizens; assist us to become a righteous people whom thou wilt bless and protect; and let all our institutions for the education of youth, and for the main-

tenance and diffusion of pure religion be crowned with success.

Accept, O God, I beseech Thee, these sentiments and desires of my heart which I offer up in the name of my Lord Jesus Christ, through whom I trust for the acceptance of my person, and all my sincere but imperfect services. And unto Thee be endless praise and glory. Amen.

# APPENDIX.

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## FORMULA

### FOR THE GOVERNMENT AND DISCIPLINE OF THE EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH IN NORTH AMERICA.

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#### CHAPTER I.

##### PRELIMINARY PRINCIPLES.

SECTION I. We believe that from an examination of the works of nature and the course of events, we may derive evidence of the existence of God and the prominent truths of natural religion.<sup>1</sup>

II. But that the evidence of natural religion is not such as to afford us a satisfactory knowledge of the nature of God and our relation to Him; nor its influence sufficient to urge us to duty;<sup>2</sup> and that, therefore, a further revelation from God is desirable and necessary.

III. We believe that such a revelation God has given at "sundry times and in divers manners," unto the fathers, and in later days by His Divine Son, Jesus Christ, and His inspired Apostles;<sup>3</sup> and that this revelation is contained in the books known in Protestant Christendom as the Old and New Testaments;<sup>4</sup> and that every individual, hearing the gospel and being

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<sup>1</sup> Rom. i. 20.

<sup>3</sup> Heb. i. 1, 2.

<sup>2</sup> Acts iv. 12; Rom. iii. 1, 2.

<sup>4</sup> 2 Tim. iii. 16.

able to comprehend its requirements, is bound to receive the Word of God as his infallible rule of faith and practice, and to be governed by it.<sup>1</sup>

IV. As we believe that God alone is Lord of the conscience, therefore, we hold that liberty of conscience and the free exercise of private judgment in matters of religion, are natural and unalienable rights of men, of which no government, civil or ecclesiastical, can deprive us.<sup>2</sup>

V. As order is necessary to the prosperity of every associate body, and as Jesus Christ has left no entire specific form of Government and Discipline for His Church, it is the duty of every individual Church, or association of Churches, to adopt such regulations as appear to them most consistent with the spirit and precepts of the New Testament, and best calculated to subserve the interest of the Church of Christ.

VI. And as men exercising the right of private judgment in matters of religion agree in the opinion that Christianity requires a social connection among its professors, and as experience proves that men will differ in some of their views of doctrine and discipline; and as too much difference of opinion would be prejudicial to the objects of the association, therefore reason dictates that those of similar views should associate together; that it is their duty to require for admission to church-membership among them, or for induction into the sacred office, and for continuance in either, such terms as they deem most accordant with the precepts and spirit of the Bible.

VII. Upon the broad basis of these principles was the Evangelical Lutheran Church founded immediately after the Reformation. Adhering

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<sup>1</sup> John v. 39; Acts xvii. 11; John xiv. 16, 17.

<sup>2</sup> Acts iv. 19.

to the same principles, the Lutheran Church in America is governed by *three Judicatories*; the *Council* of each individual Church; the *District Synods*, consisting of all the clergy and an equal number of laymen from a particular district of country; and one GENERAL SYNOD formed by representatives from all the different Synods of the Lutheran Church in its connection.

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## CHAPTER II.

### OF THE CHURCH.

#### PART I.—*Of the Invisible Church.*

SECTION I. The true or invisible Church of Christ is the collective body of all<sup>1</sup> those of every religious denomination in the world who are in a state of grace.<sup>2</sup>

II. We also believe that this invisible Church the Lord Jesus Christ has not only promised to preserve against all the attacks of its enemies, but has vouchsafed His presence in all its vicissitudes to the end of time.<sup>3</sup>

#### PART II.—*Of the External or Visible Church.*

SECTION I. The visible Church is the collective body of those who profess the Christian religion; consisting of all those who have been formally admitted to membership,<sup>4</sup> and have not been deprived of it by excommunication.

II. Of this visible Church, we believe that our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ is the true and only Head;<sup>5</sup> having neither abandoned His

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<sup>1</sup> Eph. iv. 1, 7.

<sup>2</sup> Matt. vii. 21; xii. 50; Acts x. 35.

<sup>3</sup> Matt. xxviii. 20.

<sup>4</sup> Matt. xxviii. 19.

<sup>5</sup> Eph. v. 23, 24.

Church nor appointed any vicar in His stead, but instituted sacraments and established ordinances of perpetual observance.

III. As the spirit of Christianity leads its possessors to social intercourse<sup>1</sup> with each other; and as such a connection is essential to the accomplishment of the object of the Christian Church; and as such a relation can subsist only among persons of contiguous residence; therefore Christians, living near together have, from the time of the Apostles,<sup>2</sup> formed themselves into societies for the better attainment of the objects of the Christian institution. And every society participates in the duties of the whole Church.

IV. It is the duty of every such society and of the visible Church at large to have the word and sacraments administered in their purity,<sup>3</sup> to give an adequate and just support to the pastor or pastors who minister unto them, to provide for the perpetuation of an able and faithful ministry,<sup>4</sup> and to endeavor to propagate the gospel to the ends of the earth.<sup>5</sup>

V. It is the duty of the Church to watch over the purity and faithfulness of her members.<sup>6</sup>

VI. The jurisdiction of the Church is purely spiritual; it ought to have no connection with the civil government,<sup>7</sup> neither ought its doctrinal and disciplinary decisions be enforced by the arm of civil power.

VII. The power of the Church is purely *declarative*, founded solely on the Word of God, whether exercised by an individual church-council, or by any other ecclesiastical judicatory; the *Bible* containing their judicial code, and their decisions are valid only because founded on Scripture.

<sup>1</sup> John xiii. 34, 35; Heb. x. 24.

<sup>3</sup> Gall. i. 8, 9; 1 Tim. vi. 3.

<sup>5</sup> Matt. xxviii. 19, 20.

<sup>7</sup> John xvii. 36.

<sup>2</sup> Acts ii. 41, 42.

<sup>4</sup> 1 Cor. ix. 13.

<sup>6</sup> 1 Cor. v. 7-13.



VIII. The visible Church is not an association to which we may belong or not at our option; but it is the duty of every one who has the opportunity, to be a faithful member of it.<sup>1</sup>

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### CHAPTER III.

#### OF THE OFFICERS OF THE CHURCH.

##### *Of Pastors.*

SECTION I. Our Lord and Saviour himself instituted the clerical office in the New Testament Church, and made it of perpetual standing.<sup>2</sup> The persons filling this office, are in Scripture designated by different names, as bishop, presbyter or elder, &c.,<sup>3</sup> indicative of the duties of the office. These are by divine right of equal rank,<sup>4</sup> and their duties are principally *to expound the Word of God, to conduct the public worship of God,*<sup>5</sup> *to administer the sacraments of the Church,*<sup>6</sup> *and to admonish men of their duties,*<sup>7</sup> as well as by all proper means, public and private, to edify the Church of Christ.

II. Those other officers who were endowed with miraculous gifts, and whose instrumentality Christ used in first forming the Church, were extraordinary and of temporary standing.

III. Pastors are amenable for their conduct to the Synod to which they belong; and that Synod is the tribunal which has the entire jurisdiction over them: excepting in those cases where a regular appeal is obtained to the General Synod, agreeably to Article V. Sec. I. of the Constitution of General Synod.

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<sup>1</sup> Matt. x. 32; xi. 28.

<sup>3</sup> Eph. iv. 11.

<sup>5</sup> Eph. iv. 11.

<sup>7</sup> Acts vi. 2.

<sup>2</sup> John xviii. 36.

<sup>4</sup> Luke xxii. 25, 26.

<sup>6</sup> Matt. xxviii. 19.

IV. No minister shall knowingly grant to a member of another congregation any privileges of the Church which would be denied to said member by his own pastor.

V. It is the sacred duty of every minister so to conduct himself that his life shall present to his congregations an example of true Christian propriety of deportment. And should any minister of our Church be guilty of any conduct affecting his ministerial character or standing, (which may God in mercy prevent!) it shall be the duty of the church-council earnestly to exhort him several times to reformation; and if this should prove ineffectual, or if the case be such as to bring disgrace upon the Church, to report him to the President of the Synod.

#### *Of Elders and Deacons.*

VI. The other officers of the Church are Elders and Deacons, who are elected by the members of the Church as their agents to perform some of the duties originally devolving on themselves. The principal duties of Elders are to aid the pastor or pastors in administering the government and discipline of the Church; to endeavor to preserve peace and harmony in the Church; to visit the congregational schools, and promote the religious education of the children of the Church; and to visit the sick and afflicted; and aid in the performance of such other duties as are incumbent on the church-council.

The duties of the Deacon's office are principally these: to lead an exemplary life as commanded in Scripture,<sup>1</sup> to minister unto the poor,<sup>2</sup> extending to their wants and distributing faithfully amongst them the collections which may be made for their use; to make the neces-

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<sup>1</sup> 1 Tim. iii. 8-11.

<sup>2</sup> Acts vi. 1-3.

sary preparation for the administration of the Eucharist, to attend and render all necessary service at stated worship; to see that their minister receives a just and adequate support, according to the commands of our Lord; to administer the temporal concerns of the Church; and to aid in the performance of such other duties as are incumbent on the church-council. And it is their duty to feel the deepest interest in the advancement of piety among the members of the Church, and to exert their utmost influence to promote it.

VII. The elders and deacons are the representatives of the Church, and each Church shall determine the number of officers and the term of their duration in office; yet in no case shall they serve less than two years, nor more than eight, unless re-elected.

VIII. When persons have been elected to the office of Elder or Deacon, they shall be inducted into their office according to the form prescribed by the Church.<sup>1</sup> Those congregations which have been in the habit of having trustees, may, if they deem it expedient, still retain them, and continue to them such privileges as they may deem expedient.

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## CHAPTER IV.

### OF THE CHURCH-COUNCIL.

SECTION I. The church-council is the lowest judicatory of the Church, consisting of the pastor or pastors and all the Elders and Deacons of a particular Church.

II. The pastor, together with half the other existing members of the Council, and in the necessary absence of the pastor, two-thirds of

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<sup>1</sup> Vide Liturgy.

the remaining members of the Council, shall constitute a quorum.

III. But no business connected with the government or discipline of the Church shall be transacted without the presence of the minister, unless his absence is unavoidable or voluntary, or the Church be vacant. And when present, the pastor shall be *ex-officio* chairman.

IV. The church-council<sup>1</sup> shall have the superintendence of all the temporal concerns of the Church, and shall see that they are administered with wisdom, faithfulness, and justice. They shall also elect a deputy to represent them at the annual synodical meeting.

V. It shall be the duty of the Council to admit to full membership adults, who shall make application, and whom, on mature examination, they shall judge to be possessed of the qualifications hereafter specified.<sup>2</sup> They shall be obedient subjects of divine grace—that is, they must either be genuine Christians, or satisfy the church-council that they are sincerely endeavoring to become such. Also to admit to the communion of the Church all those who were admitted to church-membership in their infancy, and whom, on like examination, they shall judge possessed of the above-mentioned qualifications. No one shall be considered a fit subject for confirmation who has not previously attended a course of religious lectures, delivered by the pastor on the most important doctrines and principles of religion; unless the pastor should be satisfied that the applicant's attainments are adequate without this attendance. And when adults are admitted to membership, their baptism shall, if possible, be performed publicly before the Church: and when members who were baptized in their infancy are admitted to full com-

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<sup>1</sup> Heb. xiii. 17.

<sup>2</sup> Mark xvi. 16; John iii. 5.

munion, they shall in the same public manner *confirm* their baptismal vows according to the form of confirmation customary in the Church.<sup>1</sup>

VI. It shall be the duty of the church-council to keep a complete list of all the communing members of the Church, of all the baptisms, of deaths of members, of persons admitted to sacramental communion, and other interesting items; an abstract of which shall be annually sent to the Synod for inspection.

VII. If any member of the church-council should conduct himself in a manner unworthy of his office, he shall be accused before the Council; and if found guilty, his case shall be referred to the whole Church for decision.

VIII. It shall be the duty of the Council to administer the discipline of the Church on all those whose conduct is inconsistent with their Christian profession, or who entertain fundamental errors.<sup>2</sup> To this end they shall have power to cite any of their church-members to appear before them; and to endeavor to obtain other witnesses when the case may require it. It shall further be the duty of the Council, when any member offends, first privately to admonish him, or, if necessary, to call him to an account; and when they shall deem these measures ineffectual, to suspend or excommunicate him; that is, to debar him from the privileges peculiar to church-membership, according to the precepts of the New Testament laid down in this Formula. It shall also be their duty to restore<sup>3</sup> those subjects of suspension or excommunication, to all the privileges of the Church, who shall manifest sincere repentance. Every act of excommunication or of restoration may be published to the Church, if deemed necessary by the majority of the Council.

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<sup>1</sup> Vide Liturgy.

<sup>2</sup> 1 Cor. v. 7

<sup>3</sup> 2 Cor. ii. 7; Gal. vi. 1.

IX. The church-council may at any time be convened by the minister; and it shall be his duty to call a meeting when requested by two members of the Council, or by one-fourth of the electors of the Church, or when directed by the Synod.

X. It shall be the duty of the church-council to watch over the religious education of the children of the Church, and to see that they be occasionally collected, for the purpose of being taught the Catechism of the Church, and instructed in the duties and principles of the Christian religion. The Council of every Church shall have the management of the various schools attached to the Church, and shall endeavor to obtain pious and well-qualified teachers, and have the children of the Church, as far as practicable, to attend them.

XI. In all cases of appeal from the decisions of the church-council, the Council shall take no further measures grounded on their decision until the sentence has been reviewed by the Synod. But if the decision appealed from be a sentence of suspension or excommunication, it shall immediately take effect and continue in force until reversed by the Synod. And in every case of appeal, the church-council shall send a detailed and correct account of their proceeding in the case, and of the charges and evidence on both sides.

XII. Any vacant congregation also may send a delegate, to lay its concerns before the Synod. And the church-councils of each clerical district may annually send to the Synod as many lay delegates as there are ministers present at the Synod from said district.

XIII. It is expedient that no person be permitted to preach in any of the Churches in our connection, except by consent of the pastor and Council of said Church, and in the absence of the pastor, by permission of the Council.

## CHAPTER V.

## OF CHURCH MEMBERS.

SECTION I. The members of any particular Church are all those members of the *visible* Church (Vide Chap. II., Part II., Sec. I.) who are associated together under some form of Christian government and discipline, for divine worship and the better attainment of the objects of the Christian institution.

II. Every Church member is amenable to the Council, and must appear before them when cited, and submit to the discipline of the Church regularly administered.<sup>1</sup>

III. It is the duty of every Church member to lead a Christian life, that is, to perform all the duties required of him or her in Scripture. Thus it is the duty of adults to perform all the Christian duties, not to neglect the public worship of God ;<sup>2</sup> nor the participation of the Lord's Supper<sup>3</sup> whenever an opportunity is afforded. It is the duty of parents to educate their children in the nurture and admonition of the Lord,<sup>4</sup> to teach them the doctrines of the Church, and to subject them to the ordinances of the same.<sup>5</sup> All members of the Church should abstain from cursing, Sabbath-breaking, intemperance, gambling, and all other vices, as well as those fashionable amusements contrary to the spirit of the gospel. And when young members reach the years of maturity, and have attained the natural ability to partake of the Lord's Supper in the manner commanded, it is their duty to be worthy communicants at the Lord's table.

IV. Any member being dissatisfied with the decision of the church-council relative to himself, may appeal to the Synod, and if still dis-

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<sup>1</sup> Matt. xviii. 15.

<sup>2</sup> Heb. x. 25; Col. iii. 16.

<sup>3</sup> Acts ii. 46; 1 Cor. xi. 24, 25. <sup>4</sup> Eph. vi. 4.

<sup>5</sup> 2 Tim. iii. 14.

satisfied may appeal to the General Synod. But in every such case the applicant shall give notice to the church-council of his intention, either immediately, or within two weeks of the time when the sentence was made known to him; and shall specify to it the reasons of his dissatisfaction, and the ground of his appeal.

V. It shall be the duty that when a member of one of our Churches moves into the bounds of another, and wishes to be admitted to the privileges of the Church, he shall bring with him a certificate of good standing from his former pastor, or, if the Church be vacant, from the Council.

VI. It is recommended as accordant with the principles of the New Testament, that the members of the Church ought not to prosecute each other before a civil tribunal, until they have first made an attempt to settle their point of difference through the mediation of their Christian brethren.

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## CHAPTER VI.

### OF ELECTIONS.

SECTION I. All congregational elections must be published by the church-council to the congregation at least two weeks before the election.

II. The Council may publish a congregational meeting for any lawful purpose when they shall deem it necessary, and they shall be compelled so to do when required by one-third of the lawful electors of the Church.

III. The electors of any particular Church in our connection are all those members who are in full communion with the same, who submit to its government and discipline regu-



larly administered, and who contribute according to their ability and engagements to the pastor's support and all other necessary expenditures.

IV. At all elections for Elders or Deacons, no person shall be elected to either of said offices who is not a member in full communion with said Church.

V. When an election is held in a vacant pastorate for a minister, two-thirds of all the electors shall be necessary to an election, and if the votes were not unanimous, it is recommended that the presiding officer shall invite the minority to concur in the decision. He shall give the minister elected a certificate, signed by himself, of the election. This certificate, with a statement of the support<sup>1</sup> which they promise him, shall be a legal call to the pastor therein specified.

VI. At elections for members of the church-council, the existing council shall nominate twice as many persons as are to be elected, and the Church may nominate half as many more, from whom the officers may be chosen.

VII. If, from any cause, a vacancy occurs in the Council in the interval between the stated elections, it shall be filled without delay by a special election, and the person thus elected shall serve until the regular expiration of the time of the member in whose place he was elected.

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## CHAPTER VII.

### MISCELLANEOUS DUTIES AND RECOMMENDATIONS.

SECTION I. As prayer is one of the most necessary duties of a Christian,<sup>2</sup> and as prayer-

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<sup>1</sup> 1 Tim. v. 8; 1 Cor. ix. 4; Luke x. 4-7.

<sup>2</sup> 1 Thess. v. 17; Col. iv. 2.

meetings have been of the utmost importance and usefulness, it is therefore most earnestly recommended to the different Churches in our connection, to establish and promote them among our members. These meetings may be held in the church, school-house, or in private houses; and their object is the spiritual edification of the persons present; but the utmost precaution must ever be observed, that God, who is a Spirit, be worshipped in spirit and in truth, that they be characterized by that solemnity and decorum which ought ever to attend divine worship; and that no disorder be tolerated, or anything that is calculated to interrupt the devotions of those who are convened, or prevent their giving the fullest attention to him who is engaged in leading the meeting; in short, that, according to the injunctions of the Apostle, all things be done "decently and in order."

II. It is recommended that lectures and exhortations be connected with the prayer-meetings; also the reading of some portion of the Scriptures; and in case the pastor be not present, that the Elders direct or procure some one to conduct the meeting.

III. It is solemnly enjoined upon all Church members, and more especially on the members of the Council and heads of families to make daily worship in their family a sacred duty.<sup>1</sup>

IV. It is solemnly enjoined that parents and guardians be the sponsors of the children to be baptized, as the natural and divinely-appointed spiritual advisers of the baptized children of the Church.<sup>2</sup>

V. It is earnestly recommended to the members and church-councils of our various pastorates, to make such arrangements that the colored population may everywhere enjoy the

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<sup>1</sup> Gal. vi. 4; Isa. x. 25.

<sup>2</sup> Acts xvi. 14, 15, and 31-33; Gen. xvii. 10-27.

privileges of a regular ministry and Church service.<sup>1</sup>

VI. This Formula shall not prevent any District Synod from adopting such By-Laws, as it shall deem expedient for the promotion of the best interests of the Churches within its bounds, provided that such By-Laws do not conflict with any article contained in this Formula of Church Government, or the Constitution of the General Synod.

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<sup>1</sup> Eph. vi. 5-9; 1 Tim. vi. 1-5; Titus ii. 9-11.

THE  
REVISED CONSTITUTION  
OF THE  
GENERAL SYNOD.

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IN the name of the Father, of the Son, and  
of the Holy Ghost. Amen.

PREAMBLE.

Whereas, The Synods of North Carolina, of South Carolina, of Virginia, of Western Virginia, and of Georgia, with the Churches under their care, impelled by the necessities of the times, and by a sense of duty to themselves and to those who shall come after them, have unanimously dissolved the connection hitherto existing between them and "The General Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in the United States:" Therefore we, their delegates in Convention assembled, using, in implicit reliance upon the guidance of the Triune God, the liberty allowed us by the Holy Scriptures, and keeping in view the just rights of every Christian in matters of faith and practice, as set forth by the Word of God and by the Confession of our Church, do adopt for ourselves and our successors the following Articles, with the earnest hope and humble prayer that they

may be blessed by the great Head of the Church to "the promotion of the practice of brotherly love, to the furtherance of Christian concord, and to the firm establishment and continuance of the unity of the spirit in the bond of peace."

#### ARTICLE I.

The name, style, and title of this Convention shall be: *The Evangelical Lutheran General Synod in North America.*

#### ARTICLE II.

SECTION 1. We receive and hold that the Old and New Testaments are the Word of God, and the only infallible rule of faith and practice.

SEC. 2. We likewise hold that the *Apostles' Creed, the Nicene Creed, and the Augsburg Confession* contain the fundamental doctrines of the Sacred Scriptures, and we receive and adopt them as the exponents of our faith.

#### ARTICLE III.

The General Synod shall consist of delegates from all Evangelical Lutheran Synods having adopted this Constitution, who may present themselves, properly accredited by the presiding officers of their Synods, in the following ratio, viz: Every Synod containing less than six ministers may send one clerical and one lay delegate; every Synod containing six ministers may send two clerical and two lay delegates; if it contain twelve, three of each; if eighteen, four; if twenty-five, five; if forty, six; if sixty, eight; and if it contain eighty ministers or upward, ten delegates of the rank of ordained ministers, and an equal number of lay delegates.

The traveling expenses of the delegates, according to this ratio, shall be defrayed, if pos-

sible, from the Treasury of the General Synod; and when the amount in the hands of the Treasurer is insufficient for the full discharge of these expenses, a committee shall be appointed to confer with the Treasurer, and arrange a fair system of mileage.

#### ARTICLE IV.

The officers of the General Synod shall be a President, a Secretary, and a Treasurer. Ordained ministers alone shall be eligible to the office of President, but both clerical and lay delegates to those of Secretary and Treasurer. The same person is at all times re-eligible as Secretary or Treasurer, but no one may be elected President for two Conventions in succession.

SECTION 1. The President shall act as Chairman of the Convention. He may give his opinion, and whenever the Synod shall be equally divided, he may have the casting vote. He shall subscribe all letters, written advices, resolutions, and proceedings of the Synod. In extraordinary cases, and by request of any one of the acknowledged Synods, made known to him in the form of a synodical or ministerial resolution, he may call together special Conventions of the General Synod.

SEC. 2. The Secretary shall keep a journal of the proceedings of the General Synod, and write, attest, and take care of all its documents. He shall also make known the time and place of the Convention through the Church periodicals, and in any other way he may think proper, at least three months beforehand. In case of special Conventions, such as provided for in the preceding section, he shall make known the time and place of meeting as soon as informed by the President. If the business of the Secretary becomes too burdensome for one person, the President may, at his suggestion, appoint an Assistant Secretary.

SEC. 3. The Treasurer shall keep an account of the receipts and expenditures of the Synod. He shall give receipts for all moneys put into his hands. He shall not pay out any moneys but by order of the President, attested by the Secretary, in pursuance of a resolution to that effect. At every Convention of Synod he shall render an account.

SEC. 4. If the President, in the intermediate time between Conventions, depart this life, resign his office, or become incapable, for any reason, of discharging its duties, the oldest ordained minister shall assume the duties of President, appointing some one to fill, *ad interim*, any office he may have vacated. If the Secretary or Treasurer shall, in the intermediate time between the Conventions, depart this life, resign their office, or become incapable of executing the same, the President shall, at his option, either appoint a successor *ad interim*, or take prompt measures for securing in his own possession all the books, papers, moneys, or property of Synod with which they, or either of them, had been entrusted.

#### ARTICLE V.

The power and duties of the General Synod shall be as follows, viz :

SECTION 1. The General Synod shall be, in all cases of fundamental doctrine or Church discipline, the highest court of appeal. It shall hear and decide upon all questions of difficulty or complaints concerning these, which may be referred to them by whole Synods, Ministeriums, congregations, or individual ministers, which decision shall be final and binding. With reference to doctrines non-fundamental, however, the province of the General Synod shall be merely advisory.

SEC. 2. The General Synod shall furnish a uniform Order of Service, which shall be ob-

served in every part of the Church. It shall, therefore, cause to be prepared and published a **BOOK OF WORSHIP**, containing a proper form for general or special public use, a collection of hymns, and such other instructive or devotional matter as it may deem necessary.

SEC. 3. The General Synod shall examine the proceedings of the several Synods and Ministeriums, in order that they may obtain a correct knowledge of the existing condition of the Church. Each Synod, therefore, shall transmit as many copies of their proceedings to the General Synod as it shall send delegates.

SEC. 4. The General Synod shall devise plans for seminaries of education and missionary operations, as well as for the aid of poor ministers, and the widows and orphans of poor ministers, and endeavor, with the help of God, to carry them into effect.

SEC. 5. The General Synod shall apply all their powers, their prayers, and their means to the prevention of schisms among us; be sedulously and incessantly observant of the circumstances of the times, and every casual rise and progress of unity of sentiment among Christians in general, in order that the blessed opportunities to promote concord and unity, and the interests of the Redeemer's kingdom, may not pass by neglected and unavailing.

#### ARTICLE VI.

The order of business shall be as follows, viz:

1. Delegates shall give personal notice of their arrival to the minister of the place; or, if the congregation be destitute of a minister, to any other person appointed by the congregation for the purpose, who shall make known to them their place of residence, and the



place where the sessions of the Synod shall be held.

2. At the appointed time, on the first week-day of the Convention, the session shall begin and be opened by prayer.

3. The President elected by the former Convention shall act as Chairman until another President shall be chosen. In case of his absence, the delegates present may, on motion made and seconded, appoint another in his stead.

4. The members shall give in to the Chairman their attestations or credentials. For all the deputies from any one particular Synod, one certificate, signed by the President and attested by the Secretary of that Synod, shall be deemed sufficient.

5. If a majority of the deputies of a majority of the Synods attached to the General Synod be present, the business shall go on. If this proportion be lacking, the delegates present may, from time to time, postpone the session of the Convention.

6. The President, Secretary and Treasurer shall be elected by ballot on the first day of the session, and so soon as the members shall have given in their certificates.

7. The proceedings of the former Convention shall be read by the Secretary, or be referred to a committee.

8. Hereupon follow the several portions of business, according to Article V., section for section.

9. Other miscellaneous motions may be made concerning the subjects already discussed, or any other matters that may occur.

10. In conclusion, the General Synod shall appoint, by ballot, the time and place of the next Convention, observing at all times, however, that one Convention, at least, be held every two years.

## ARTICLE VII.

The General Synod may make whatever by-laws they may deem necessary, provided only that the said by-laws do not contradict the spirit of the Constitution. No alteration of the Constitution may be made except by the consent of two-thirds of the Synods under the jurisdiction of this Convention; an exact copy of the intended alterations to be sent by the Secretary to all the Presidents of the District Synods in connection with this body, with the request that they would lay them before their respective Synods for decision. If, at the subsequent meeting of the General Synod, it shall appear from their minutes that two-thirds of the District Synods are in favor of the alterations, they shall accordingly be made.

## ARTICLE VIII.

All regularly constituted Lutheran Synods holding the fundamental doctrines of the Bible, as taught by our Church, not in connection with the General Synod, may at any time become associated with it by adopting this Constitution and sending delegates to its Convention, according to the ratio specified in Article II.

## ARTICLE IX.

No Synod shall be formed within the bounds of any District Synod now in existence and in connection with this body, except with and by the consent of the General Synod.

THE END.











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